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OUTLINES.

Congress does but very little, the House not being in session; in the Senate the Inland Waterway bill is discussed——At Somerville, Ala., Henry Ferguson killed William Romines, cutting his throat from ear to ear. There was a woman in the case. ——At 8 P. M., the battleship fleet was reported by wireless to be in latitude 33.29 north; longitude 73.09 west, "fair weather and all well," the report said——In his trial for complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, Caleb Powers was on the witness stand for eight hours yesterday and made a generad denial of all the statements made by the witnesses for the prosecution——President Roosevelt is back in Washington, having returned from his trip to Old Point to see the battleship fleet off early yesterday morning——Scarlet fever has now broken out at Monongah, the scene of the great mine disaster on Dec. 6th; up to date 336 bodies have been recovered and although the work of recovery has been suspended, there are undoubtedly many more still buried in the mines. ——Abe Hummel, the notorious New York lawyer, is dangerously ill in his cell at the Blackwell's Island Penitentiary in New York—61 men were killed in the mine explosion at Yolande, Ala.; forty-two bodies have been recovered. The majority of the victims were negroes——In a signed statement, Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou denies that he is a candidate for the Presidential nomination and adds that should be decide to become a candidate for any office he will frankly say so——In the Equity Court of the District of Columbia Justice Gould issued an injunction, restraining the American Federation of Labor from boycotting the Bucks Stove and Range Co. ——The Alhambra hotel at Richmond was burned yesterday with all the personal belongings of the guests, the loss will be about $15,000——The remarkable and brilliant story of the departure of the fleet from Old Point Comfort in yesterday's Star, was written by Robert Small of the New York office of the Associated Press——New York markets: money on call firm, from 6 to 16 per cent., ruling rate 12, closing bid and offered at 6; cotton spot steady, middling uplands 11.90, middling gulf 12.15, sales 2,500 bales; rosin quiet; turpentine easy at 47 1-2; flour firm and nominally higher; corn meal steady; wheat spot strong; corn spot firm; oats firm.

The poor old "honest dollar" has a hard time trying to keep out of dishonest hands.

They will let any of us go through the mint in Philadelphia but not in the way we'd like to.

Sometimes a resolution asking for inforamtion is only a bid for a chance to unload a lot on the country.

If you are trying to go through the world and please everybody, the sooner you get on a back road the better.

Uncle Joe Cannon says the Standard Oil fine was an "accident." Nobody ever supposed it was a precedent.

That Kentucky horse-breeder who named his most promising two-year-old "Elastic Currency" had better have christened him "Never-Arrives."

Trust-Buster Davis was elected on that kind of a platform and it is but natural that he should desire to make it appear that he is earning his salary.

The paymaster of the Pacific fleet sailed on the refrigerator ship. He will be fully able to appreciate the warm reception he will get every pay day.

Mr. Looney of Texas, wants to be the Attorney General of his State. We are sorry that we are unable to state which one it is. Texas is notorious the world over for its "Loonies."

There isn't much doubt but that Mr. Roosevelt could have had it, if he wanted it. But any one else who attempts to get in on his platform is going to have a hard time of it, Mr. Bryan, notwithstanding.

Sorry for Mr. Hobson! From a Captaincy in the Navy he has fallen to the grade of high-private in the rear rank of the infantry. The boy baby has assumed the role of commander-in-chief of the household brigade.

In the Congress of Mothers recently, it was decided that the greatest criminals known to the world have been mostly unmarried persons. That may be true but it seems to us that those most in the lime light recently have been married more or less.

And now comes the Grand Army of the Republic with a request that Congress appropriate funds to build a highway from Washington to the battlefield of Bull Run. There was a time when a good broad highway leading away from the now historic battlefield would have better suited the need of these veterans.

...S FROM RALEIGH

State Capital is Still Agog With Railway Rate Compromise and Prohibition.

GOVERNOR TO WASHINGTON

Will Look in Upon Supreme Court. Labor Conditions in State—Supreme Court Adjourns Today. Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—The refusal of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, announced yesterday, to come into the agreement for compromise of the North Carolina Railroad rate litigation to which the Southern and Seaboard Air Line have signified their willingness to accede, has intensified the talk and speculation here as to the possibility for the convening of the Legislature in extra session for the ratification of the Glenn compromise as to those roads accepting it and enacting further legislation as for the regulation of those which refuse to come into the compromise.

Governor Glenn declines to make any comment on the situation at this time. It is known that he will leave tomorrow for Washington to be present when the argument in the famous Wood habeas corpus case from Asheville comes up before the Supreme Court, this being the phase of the famous rate litigation in which Agent Wood was arrested for selling tickets at more than the 2 1-4 cent rate and was released under writ of habeas corpus from Judge Pritichard, of the United States Circuit Court. The Governor will also remain in Washington to hear the argument and watch the "temper and attitude of the Supreme Court of the United States in hearing the argument of the noted Minnesota case which is said to be "on all fours" with the North Carolina rate litigation.

Rev. Mordecai Ham, the temperance evangelist, addressed the ladies of Raleigh at the First Baptist Church last evening and incidentally appealed to them to take the most active part possible in the campaign work for the election December 26th. He wants them to do work at the polls. Some have pledged to this work but many of the most influential are still declining to do work of this kind. The programme of temperance meetings for the week include Tuesday night at the Soldiers' Home, speeches by Governor Glenn and State Auditor B. F. Dixon; Wednesday night, Fayetteville Street Baptist Church by Governor Glenn and Rev. R. L. Davis; Thursday night Jenkins Memorial Church by Rev. Mordecai Ham and Governor Glenn; Friday night, Caraleigh Mills, Governor Glenn and Rev. R. L. Davis.

In the office of the State Commissioner of Labor and Printing the chapter on condition of the trades for the 1907 report has just been prepared for the State printers and makes some interesting showings. It shows the average wages in the various trades to be, blacksmiths, $2; barbers, $2.15; brickmasons, $2.50; cabinet makers, $2.25; carpenters, $2.01; clerks, $1.75; harness makers, $1.25; lumbermen, $1.30; Machinists, $3.20; miners, $1.75; painters, $2.44; plasterers, $4.50; printers, $2.45; textile workers $1.27; tobacco workers, $1.50; wheelwrights, $1.95. Sixty-three per cent. of the counties report increase in wages. Fifty-four per cent., it is estimated, make full time. A general increase in cost is reported. The figures given are averages of reports received from all sections of the State and of each county in the State.

Mr. VanMeersch, a well known immigration agent of Chicago, is in the city on business with the State department of agriculture and secretary of state with reference to the settlement of quite a colony of immigrants in Eastern Carolina.

A charter is issued for the Maiden Farmers Cotton Warehouse Company of Maiden, Catawba county. The capital is $24,000 authorized and $1,800 subscribed by David Probst D. E. Sigmon and others.

In the State Department of Education today three new rural libraries were authorized for Henderson, also three supplementary libraries for the same county and one new library each for Rutherford and Person counties.

Mrs. D. T. Johnson, wife of D. T. Johnson, chairman of the Wake county board of commissioners, died early this morning after a brief illness. She was quite an active member of the First Baptist church in which Mr. Johnson is a member of the board of deacons. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the church.

The Supereme Court will deliver its last batch of opinions for the term Wednesday and adjourn for the term. It is understood that there will be eight or ten cases included in this batch and that very few, probably six or eight, will go over to the Spring term in order that the court may make further investigation before passing on them.

A suitable Xmas present, a gold pair of glasses bought of Dr. Vineberg,, the eye specialist, at Munds' drug store, Masonic Temple. Eves tested free. de 17-3t

LOCAL BANK SITUATION

No Developments Yesterday in Big Financial Transaction—Carolina Savings and Trust Co. Stockholders Still Undecided—Notes.

The business circles of the city were still agog yesterday over the big financial transaction of the day before when it was announced for the first time that arrangements had been perfected by which the Murchison had taken over the affairs of the Atlantic National Bank according to the terms of a merger agreed upon Saturday night by the executive heads of these institutions and later approved by a majority of the stockholders of the same.

Upon the appearance of Mr. J. W. Norwood, of Greenville. S. C., upon the scene rumors at once began to fly that another commercial bank was a certainty. One of these reports was that the Carolina Savings and Trust Company, which had been partially under the sheltering wing of the Atlantic National, would be reorganized as a State bank with savings department attached, Mr. Joseph W. Yates, cashier of the Atlantic National Bank at present, to be president of the new commercial bank. Another report was that Mr. J. W. Norwood would again enter the active banking business here as stockholder in another National Bank of which he would be president. Other rumors had to do with whether or not, carrying out the policy of the merger of the two National banks, the Carolina Savings and Trust Company would be absorbed by the People's Savings Bank, allied with the Murchison, or whether the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company would be the strongest bidder for the very valuable "rights and franchises" of the Carolina, which has something over $300,000 deposits and the stock of which is selling comfortably higher than par.

A meeting of the directors of the Carolina Savings and Trust Company was held during the morning at which the whole matter was referred to a committee of five to investigate what was best to be done and report back to the full meeting of the Board of Directors for final action to be approved by the stockholders at a subsequent meeting. This committee was composed of Messrs. I. Shrier, R. R. Bellamy, J. G. Barentine, Wm. E. Worth and President John S. Armstrong. The committee met yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock and remained in session two hours but reached no agreement, adjourning to meet again today. Both the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company and the People's Savings Bank made a bid for the Carolina, but neither was accepted and the whole matter goes over for further consideration. It was for the purpose of being present at these negotiations that Mr. Norwood, President of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, came up from Greenville on the late train Monday night. It is believed that the plans to reorganize the Carolina into a commercial bank will not materialize but that it will be absorbed by one of the two other institutions bidding for the business.

While this is true, it was learned yesterday quietly that while Mr. Norwood was not making his plans known, that he would not be averse to connecting himself with another National banking enterprise here, provided any business men interested in the formation of a new bank would secure a reasonably large amount of the capital stock and proffer the same to him for an organization. It was stated in some quarters yesterday that this was being done and it was freely predicted that inside of a week Wilmington would have a third National bank with Mr. Norwood at its head. Those on the inside are not talking for publication, but it is known that negotiations other than those that involve the Carolina Savings and Trust Company, are in progress. The developments will be watched with much interest.

The Rudder Station.

"The Rudder," the foremost yachting periodical published in America and which has stations established at all important ports along the coast, is just now engaged in printing from week to week photographs and descriptive articles of these several stations in the United States. The Wilmington station which is in charge of Commodore C. D. Maffitt, will be treated in an early number and yesterday the wharf of the Rudder Station in Wilmington was resplendent in flags and buntings with all other colors while the place was being photographed for the article which will tell of the station here. The publication will be waited with eager interest by the Rudder Club, which will shortly be organized here under the direction of the commodore of the Wilmington station.

Notice to Library Patrons.

Library patrons are again reminded that all books out must be returned before Saturday evening of this week as the library will be closed until the Monday following Christmas for inventory. This is very important and it is hoped it will not be necessary to call the attention of patrons of the library to this matter again.

Business Locals.

R. A. Montgomery—Fresh Meats.

Wanted—Position as Grocery Clerk.

For Sale—Christmas Plants and Flowers.

The Garden Tobacco Company—Your Christmas Present.

MAY ACCEPT OFFER

Counter Proposition of Clarendon Water Works Company Received By Mayor.

BOARD MEETING THIS WEEK

Committee Will Not Submit Recommendation But it is Generally Believed Proposal of $150,000 Will Be Accepted.

As stated yesterday morning, the counter proposition of the Clarendon Water Works Company agreed upon at the special, called meeting of the stockholders on Monday morning, was formally transmitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen yesterday, conveying a counter offer to take $150,000 for the plant as of January 1st, the beginning of the new quarter, in lieu of the proposition of the Aldermen offered upon a 15-day ultimatum basis at $140,000 as of November 1st, the company to retain any water rentals that had been collected in advance.

The proposition was very generally discussed on the streets yesterday after the publication in the morning papers of the action of the stockholders and upon receipt of the formal communication by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen later in the day. While it is learned that the committee on water works will make no recommendation whatever in regard to the acceptance or rejection of the counter proposition of the company at a meeting of the Board which the Mayor stated yesterday he would call for Thursday or Friday night, it is believed that a majority of the Aldermen will vote to accept the proposition and that the plant will be taken over January 1st by the city. It is stated that the Water and Sewerage Commission, which will have the handling of the property after the deal is consummated and which some time ago made an investigation of the plant as a committee of citizens, is not averse to an acceptance of the counter proposition and will view an acceptance of the same by the Aldermen, as in no wise a reflection upon their judgment in appraising the value of the property on November 1st at $140,000. This appraisal was based upon the taking of the plant over November 1st, in the middle of a quarter, so to speak, and with an agreement that the company would be allowed to retain certain water rentals which really made the offer about $145,000 or $147,000, the difference between that and this latter proposition being only something over $3,000. Then another important consideration is the elimination of all costly litigation in connection with the affair. This in itself would probably amount to more than the $3,000 difference between the two parties to the trade. Still another consideration with the Aldermen is an anxiety to close this entire matter up one way or another. They are sincerely tired of this dickering and conferring and it may be stated as a fact that whether the counter proposition submitted yesterday is adopted or rejected, the Board will decide one way or another at the meeting this week what will be done in the premises.

The official communication received by the Mayor yesterday is as follows:

December 16th, 1907.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City.

Gentlemen: With a desire to close the long standing negotiations between company and city, we offer to deliver to you on January 1st next our plant, business and franchise for $150,000, payments as per previous offer. This is a compromise between last two prices considered.

While most highly respecting the judgment generally of the business men who suggested the offer of $140,000.00, we have been told that this was largely arrived at on a sole basis of earnings. On this basis, with present and future earnings considered, the offer seems to us unreasonable and erroneous, as no compilation of values on such plants can properly ignore replacement values and municipal utility. Many of the best and largest plants of this nature are run at a loss, and yet are worth much to the owners and would cost much to replace. We know that the committee intended absolute fairness, but this being an unusual duty imposed upon them, may have overlooked the matter to which we refer.

If the above proposition does not meet the approval of your Honorable Board, we again offer to put the whole matter in the hands of two good business men and citizens, one to be selected by you and one by us, they to call a third if needed, none of the three to have been in anywise heretofore connected with these neogtiations. We are perfectly willing to settle the matter in this eminently fair and customary way.

In making these offers we waive no existing rights, but in a natural desire to avoid unnecessary and expensive litigation, costly to both parties, and in the hope that the matter be amicably closed without further delay.

Very truly yours,
The Calrendon Waterworks Co.,
JOHN F. DIVINE,
President.

Mayor Springer said yesterday that he hardly thought the Board would be called together before Friday night as he desired to give the Aldermen full time to consider the question. He said also that unless it was certain that the Board was prepared to take final action at the meeting this week he would not call them together. It is understood that Chairman Wood, of the Water Committee, will merely submit the matter to the Board without recommendation and will leave the whole question for a free and open discussion at the meeting. He stated yesterday afternoon that his committee would not be called together to consider the communication before it is passed in to the meeting of the Aldermen.

INFANTRY PROMOTIONS

General Order Filling Vacancies in Non-Commissioned Staff of Wilmington Light Infantry—Drills Suspended for Holidays.

At the regular weekly drill of the Wilmington Light Infantry last night, the last until after the holidays, General Order No. 66 was promulgated by Captain Robertson, announcing a number of promotions and appointments on the staff of non- commissioned officers effective at once. General Order No. 66 was also published suspending the regular drills on the nights of the 23rd and 30th of December on account of the holidays.

The promotions and appointments by Captain Robertson interest a large number of friends of among the most popular members of the company and are to fill vacancies caused by promotions recently made from the staff of non-commissioned officers to fill the office of Lieutenant, from which Major Thomas R. Orrell resigned to become assistant inspector of small arms practice of the North Carolina National Guard.

The order referred to appoints H. B. Peschau second sergeant, vice L. E. Hall, elected Lieutenant; A. C. Smith, third sergeant, vice Peschau promoted; Neill Morse, fourth sergeant, vice Smith promoted; C. L. Myers, fifth sergeant, vice Morse promoted; J. B. Lynch, first corporal, vice Myers promoted; Zach Bell, second corporal, vice Lynch promoted; W. L. Smith, third corporal vice Bell promoted; Norwood Orrell, fourth corporal, vice Smith promoted; John C. Slocumb, fifth corporal, vice Orrell promoted; Platt W. Davis, sixth corporal, vice Banck, resigned.

The last named appointment is on account of the retirement of Corporal E. F. O. Banck to the reserve corps of the company, he having completed the required length of service to entitle him to this privilege. The orders are signed by Captain Robertson commanding and First Sergeant Paul L. Cantwell.

MAGNOLIA CLUB OFFICERS.

Annual Election Held Last Night—Alderman Karr President.

The annual meeting of the Magnolia Club, the social organization of the Improved Order of Red Men, held its annual election last night in the handsome quarters of the club in the Red Men's Home, on North Front street, Alderman J. A. Karr, was elected president; Mr. A. H. Weedon, vice president; Mr. W. L. West, treasurer, and Walter P. Gafford, Esq., secretary. The standing committees, etc., will be announced at a subsequent meeting.

The Magnolia club is now in very flourishing condition and has a large membership. The meeting last night was well attended and much interest was manifested in the proceedings.

VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S.

Organized Last Night by the Election of Officers—The Work.

The newly elected vestry of St. John's parish met last evening and organized by the election of Mr. H. G. Smallbones, Senior Warden; Prof. Washington Catlett, Junior Warden; Mr. George S. LeGrand, treasurer, and Mr. Bertram Quelch, clerk. The Finance Committee was chosen to be composed of Messrs. J. Hicks Bunting, J. Wallace Carmichael and W. G. James.

Since the arrival of the newly-elected rector of the parish the work at Saint John's has been taken up with renewed interest and all departments of the church are in flourishing condition.

"After Supper Sale."

Carrying out the idea of "something different," which has become characteristic with these enterprising people, the proprietors of "The Little Store," with a big question mark after the "Little," are conducting an "After Supper Sale" as will be seen from their advertisement in this issue. The store is closed each night at 7 o'clock and remains closed while the force straightens stock and gets things in readiness for the sale which begins one hour later. This idea is a new one and takes well with shoppers, who cannot get out during the day. Something at special prices, reduced for the occasion is put on for each evening's sale.

WILMINGTON BILLS

Three Important Measures to This Section Before The National Congress Monday.

NEW PUBLIC BUILDING

Senator Overman Would Provide $500,000 for This Purpose—Mr. Godwin Introduces Bill for Fort Fisher National Park.

Three bills of very great local importance and interest in Wilmington were introduced in the National Congress on Monday—two in the House by Representative H. L. Godwin, of this district, and one by Senator Lee S. Overman in the Senate. While the fate of the bills is, of course, uncertain, Wilmington people generally will lend every possible support toward having them become law.

The bill by Senator Overman is for an appropriation of $500,000 for a public building, a custom house and a Federal Court building in Wilmington, for which there has been some local agitation for some time. Senator Overman has assured the people of Wilmington that he will do all in his power to push the bill through both houses and in this he will have the unqualified support of Mr. Godwin. For several years it has been recognized that the custom house and postoffice facilities have been entirely inadequate and while all have agreed that both branches of the government service require more room, it has been a question whether the enlargement should be to the postoffice building at Front and Chesnut streets or to the Custom House on the wharf where facilities were formerly provided for holding the Federal Courts. Collector of Customs Keith has been very active in pushing the efforts for a better Custom House and also to have included in this building all necessary facilities for the Federal Court, which now has its headquarters in the Postoffice building.

The bill of greatest importance introduced in the House by Mr. Godwin is for the government to purchase the site of Fort Fisher at the mouth of the Cape Fear river and convert the grounds into a great National Park. This movement was launched at the recent reunion of the blue and gray on this historic battlefield and strong influences are at work both North and South to have the government adopt this site as a great reservation. It will be recalled that the Northern veterans returning from the Wilmington reunion the past year, called at the White House and found President Roosevelt greatly interested in the plans of the association. This bill, it is said, has an excellent show of passage and if so, it would mean a great thing for Wilmington and all this lower section of the Cape Fear river. The Survivors' Association composed of veterans both from the North and the South, will renew their efforts for this great improvement and recognition of one of the greatest bombardments since the invention of gun powder. It is of interest to note that Admiral Robley D. Evans, now in command of the Pacific fleet on its way around to 'Frisco was wounded in the battle of Fisher and the bombardment there is one of the big events in history. Wilmington will give this bill of Mr. Godwin its unqualified and enthusiastic support.

The other bill introduced Monday by Mr. Godwin is to provide a regularly established quarantine station at Southport instead of the present regulations there, which are understood to be maintained on a contract basis.

EXAMINED APPLICATIONS.

Liquor License Committee of Board of Aldermen in Session.

The standing committee from the Board of Aldermen to pass upon all applications and renewals of liquor licenses for the six months ensuing January 1st, met last night in the office of the City Clerk and Treasurer, at the City Hall, and carefully went over the batch as handed in to date. There is no decrease in the number of applications though several of the applicants ask for license to retail liquor at established stands in place of former dealers who have sold out or for other reasons vacated the respective places.

The committee applied all the tests to the validity of the applications as to free holders and found only a few not strictly up to the requirements. These were referred to Chairman O'Brien with instructions to confer with the applicants and see that the papers are placed in proper shape before being brought to the full meeting of the Board. It is presumed that all will be put in proper shape by the time the Board meets soon after the holidays to pass upon the renewals. There were present last night for the meeting of the committee Chairman O'Brien, Alderman Northrop, of the committee; City Attorney Marsden Bellamy and City Clerk and Treasurer Fowler. Alderman French, the third member of the committee, was unwell and unable to attend the meeting.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CANAL CRAFT.

The adroit opponents of the proper development of water transportation within the United States are eloquent about the extreme slowness of canal boats and the hardships of river chraft.

They love to tell truly moving stories of the old age that overtakes freight going a hundred miles by canal and harrowing tales of the delays, vicissitudes, hardships and dangers of nights spent on sand bars, while the ferocious mosquitoes pursue the unarmed and the banks are vocal with dismal and blood curdling sounds.

They make it appear that transportation by canal or river, whether of goods or of mortals, must always be slow, uncertain, unsafe and unprofitable.

And, sad to say, a good many people accept these views without question and actually think that transportation by water within the United States must always be slow, uncertain and as regards most articles, animate or in-animate, unprofitable.

Now, the proper development and improvement of internal waterways will provide a safe and sufficient channel, free from sand bars and snags, in all navigable rivers. The stories founded on the sand will be like the house founded on the sand, taken away. They will be of the past. So far as the waterways are concerned, transportation by water will be safe, sure, rapid and economical.

And this will be equally true of the craft employed. The boats on the canals and rivers will be as far ahead of the boats now on the canals and rivers as the ocean steamships are ahead of the vessels of fifty years ago; yes, of the old sailing vessels.

For so complete has been the discredit of internal water transportation that there has been little, if any, improvement, in the boats employed in internal water transportation since the days, not of our fathers, but of our grandfathers, if not of our great-grand fathers. It is well known that the river craft of today are not as speedy, reliable and luxurious as the river craft of twenty-five years ago. The only reason for this is that we have been altogether enamored of rail transportation and have neglected and discarded river transportation.

The present ocean greyhound makes thrice the speed, is of thrice the size, and is far more luxurious and reliable than the ocean vessel of the days that first saw the present canal boat. There is nothing mechanical or economic under the sun to prevent as great improvement in canal and river craft. There is no reason why canal and river craft should not be larger than they are, much faster than they are, and altogether safe and reliable.

If internal water transportation is given proper support and recognition, inside of ten years—as soon as rivers and canals can be made ready for them—we will have canal boats propelled by steam capable of twenty-five miles an hour, for the transportation of freight. And we will have gasoline or denatured alcohol launches of large size compared with those now in use, capable of a sustained speed of thirty-miles an hour, for the transportation of passengers and the more perishable freight.

Of course there are people ready to say that this is impossible. There were people ready to say that Fulton's steamship was an impossibility, that the telegraph was an impossibility, that railway trains at thirty miles an hour were impossible. We can remember very well when it was argued that a train going a mile a minute would bound from the track, that it would break to pieces, that no track could be constructed to withstand such speed, just as now people will say that a canal boat at thirty or fourty miles an hour is an impossibility, that the waves it would make would soon wash away the banks of the canal, and so on and so forth. But we have on the Chicago drainage canal a craft or so that goes far to put these people in the wrong and it will be found that canals and boats can be constructed that will admit of the speed named.

In these United States the word "impossible" has no place whatever. It has been thoroughly discredited and disgraced by our engineers, inventors and far-seeing, fearless, poineering and prophetical promoters and financiers. It ought to be drummed out of the United States language.

If the Congress of the United States will see to it that the rivers and canals are made ready and fit, as they can and should be, our inventors and capitalists will see to it that the vessels on them will be as anxious, speedy, reliable and safe as those that cross the ocean. Our canal boats will then transport freight as rapidly and safely as the freight trains, and passengers in such style that a canal trip will be a pleasure trip—a trip for a vacation—and our streams and canals will be popular for houseboat parties, in this and other ways affording the people cheap, healthful and enjoyable recreation.

THE SOUTH IN CONGRESS.

The Portsmouth Star says that the South has "all to lose and nothing to gain by such disreputable antics" on the part of men who essay to stand for Southern sentiment, as those being "cut up" every now and then in, first the Senate and sometimes as well in the House of Representatives.

Of course the Star refers to the recent outburst of Senator Jefferies Davis of Arkansas. The very fact that Davis is mostly right, don't help matters at all.

The Kentucky "Night Riders" are "right" in a way, at least according to their way of thinking; but the manner in which they go about righting their alleged wrongs, harms, rather than helps their cause, which if we understand it correctly is a rather meritorious one.

And so it is with men of the Davis-Tillman type. There is a little distinction between the two; for most people are willing to admit that the latter has an average amount of brains, even if lacking somewhat in judgment.

It is unfortunate for the South that it has men of the Davis stamp for its champions but while the North may chaff us, they know as well as we that he is not a fair type of the Southern patriot.

"However, much we may differ from the views held by Senators from the South," says the Boston Transcript, in the same connection, "it is due that section to say that it has usually sent men who measured up to the size of the office to which they had been chosen, and some of them are still there. When Morgan and Pettus spoke the Senate was pleased to listen, and if one of them was called a Cato it must be remembered that even Cato was a distinguished historical figure. Senator Daniel continues to be an honored and admired member, and the predecessor of the present buffoon, Senator Jones, of Arkansas, was a man of dignity, ability and a due sense of official and personal propriety."

The South has just cause to be proud of her Senators and Representatives in Congress as a whole, and they will compare most favorably with their colleagues from other sections.

Occasionally a man of the Davis type slips in, largely through "the laziness of the voters," as our Portsmouth contemporary puts it; but we are to be judged by the great majority and not by the exceptions.

Moreover, Senator Davis is better than his speech, and having blown off his hot air, he will now most probably settle down and behave himselg; at least let us all hope so.

THE LATEST FROM PARIS.

Paris furnishes the latest novelty in suicide, and one that betokens a distinct phase of urban life.

An aged man, evidently tired of life and seeking the surest means of ending it, flung himself before a passing motor car in a crowded street of the French capitol and as he desired it to be, he was killed.

He took no chances. He squandered no funds on a weapon or poisons. He wasted no illuminating gas. He went direct to the deadliest spot he knew, the piece of pavement immediately in front of a rapidly driven automobile. He was, it is true, inconsiderate of the feelings of the chaufeur. He evidently had no compunction about shocking the bystanders. Maybe he thought they would be accustomed to the spectacle. He went straight at the work of quitting this sphere, and the motor car did the rest.

Fortunately he behaved in a manner to leave no possible doubt of his intention. Thus the coroner finds his way clear to discharge the chauffeur. However this mode may commend itself to the economical it is sincerely to be hoped that it will not become popular. It has its disadvantages from the point of view of the public.

During the football season just ended, eleven players were killed and while the game is not as dangerous as it was in the days of the flying wedge and the mass play, it is still sufficiently risky business and a contemporary well says:

"Parents ought not to let their boys play unless the lads are robust and have strong hearts. This lesson is emphatically taught by the fact that all of 1907's victims were minors."

To make the children happy is one of the pleasures of many people during the holidays. Such good work has always been a pleasure to many of our people. It will perhaps never be known in this life how many little hearts have been made happy by parents and friends.

Congressman Lamb of Virginia has done wisely in proposing that the people of Washington be allowed to settle the liquor question by a popular vote. That is the only way to settle the question in any community. When it is settled by outsides it is never settled right.

Most of the 6,000 bills already offered in Congress are of small denomination. Positively none of them are redeemable at the United States Treasury.

The Erie is the latest railroad to devise a pension for its employes. That is a first-class idea, but how about one for disabled stockholders.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—The difference between Jeff Davis and Ben Tillman strikes us as being the difference always found between an imitation and the realthing.—Charlotte News..

—A Kansas City man is running both a saloon and a liquor cure establishment. He seems to have worked out the problem of catching them coming and going in a most practical manner.—Exchange.

—The irresponsible Bourne, of Oregon, "still believes that the President will hear the command of the people." It looks as though he had heard it already.—Philadelphia Record.

—It is insisted that there is a strong undercurrent for Judge Gray among the Democrats of this state. But what does an undercurrent signify when Bryan floats buoyantly on top of the wave?—Philadelphia Press.

—Some of those fellows asking for the Democratic national convention talked as half heartedly and apologitically about it as Charlotte, or Asheville, or Raleigh does in asking for the State conventions. The gentlemen from St. Paul began by saying, "We may have some trouble i raising money, but—,"—Greensboro Telegram.

—When the dispensary was established it was supposed that it would help to lessen the consumption . Instead the consumption has increased and the sales by the dispensary are so large as to constitute Raleigh's shame. In 1904 the sales amounted to $178,424.78; in 1905 they were $215,042.53; in 1906 they were $253,736.54; and in nine months of the present year the sales have aggregated $207,154.29. The total sale of intoxicants by the Raleigh dispensary for three years and nine months has aggregated $854,358.14. These figures speak trumpet-tongued for the abolition of the dispensary.—News and Observer.

—The steadily widening and deepening current of public opinion that sets toward the Hon. George Gray, of Delaware, is not surprising to those who have studied the man, his private and public life, and his fitness for the Presidency. Without the spectacular instinct, he has not attracted men by sudden or dramatic utterances or actions, but, once they have been attracted to him, he has held them fast. The solidity of his character has attracted some men; his modest but ardent patriotism shines with a glow that draws others, and others, and others turn toward him because of the combination of qualities and circumstances which make him, in their judgment, peculiarly availabble as the Democratic choice for President.—Washington Post.

TWINKLINGS.

—"Those shrimps we had for dinner were not wholesome." "How do you know?" "I have inside information."—Judge.

—First Cat—Hadn't we better move? Second Cat—Not the least danger, my dear. It's only a woman throwing things at us.—The Circle.

—"Yes," said the society girl, haughtily, "she's got a duke, all right." "Why didn't you get one?" "Oh, I never attended a remnant sale in my life."—Philadelphia Ledger.

—"Surgeons in New York recently operated on a patient and removed six internal organs." "I wish they'd operate on our flat and remove a few pianos and a phonograph."—Houston Post.

—The Dentist—Now, open wide your mouth and I won't hurt you a bit. The Patient (after the extraction)—Doctor, I know what Annanias did for a living now.—Illustrated Bits.

—"What do you think? I went into a shoe store the other day and the man gave me an odd pair." "Ha, ha! Good joke on the dealer. What size were they?" "Both were nines."—Chicago Journal.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE.
From October to May, Colds are the most frequent cause of Headache. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause. E. W. Grove on box 25c

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Let This Be a Year of Practical Gifts.

Fine Pearl Handled KNIVES for the ladies.
Pearl and Stag Handle KNIVES for the gentlemen.
JACK KNIVES for the boys.
CHAIN POCKET KNIVES for the children.
MANICURE SETS for ladies.
MANICURE SETS for gentlemen.
MANICURE SCISSORS.
NAIL SCISSORS.
EMBROIDERY SCISSORS.
FANCY SCISSORS.
GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS.
EVER READY $1.00 SAFETY RAZORS.
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CORN KNIVES.
RAZOR SETS.
STROPS.
LIBRARY SCISSORS.
SILVER KNIVES AND FORKS.
SILVER TEA AND TABLE SPOONS.
MEAT FORKS.
SAVORY ROASTERS plain Agate or Agate and Nickeled $1.00 to $3.00.
RIFLES for the boys $1.50.
BREECHLOADERS $4.00 to $40.00.
COFFEE PERCOLATORS.
REVOLVERS (S. & W. and Iver Johnson).
BOYS HANDLED AXES.
TEA AND COFFEE POTS.
MAJESTIC RANGES
MAJESTIC WASHING MACHINES.
BAKING DISHES.
BREAD AND CAKE MIXERS.
FOOD CHOPPERS.
FRENCH CHEF CARVERS, Stag Handle and Ivory.
MEAT AND GAME CARVING SETS—Silver Trimmed.
JOSEPH ROGERS & SONS CARVERS.
CRUMB TRAYS.
CUSPIDORS.
FINE BRASS GOODS.
FAMILY SCALES.
FIRE DOGS, Bronze and Brass.
ASBESTOS SAD IRON, Separate or in Sets.
And hundreds of other useful Articles.

We Never Sleep
N. Jacobi Hardware Co.
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New Toys and Dolls
On Display This Week at
GAYLORD'S
DEPARTMENT STORE
FIRE WORKS
For
XMAS GOODS
Go to
GAYLORD'S
Baby Carriages at
GAYLORD'S
Wholesale and Retail
DOLLS AND TOYS
GEO. O. GAYLORD
DEPARTMENT STORE
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Mattings, Art Squares and Lace Curtains
In addition to a large Stock of Dry Goods and Notions I have put in Mattings, Art Squares and Lace Curtains, and ask the public to inspect before buying.
J. WEIL, 116 Market St.
Sole Agents for THE NEMO CORSET and MAY MANTON PATTERNS.

Well Pleased With Our Purchases

We are showing the most complete line of Xmas goods in the city.
Diamonds, Watches, Broaches, Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Pins, Fountain Pens, Fobs, Rings, Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Silver Services, Silver Novelties, Brass Goods, Fancy China, Vases, Fine Dinner Sets, Etc.
F. A. BISSINGER.
119 Market.
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MAKE HAY....
and let us Sell you a
HAY PRESS.
to be worked by horse power, making neat small bales. Bagging and Ties. are going to be in good demand and you should buy now.
Full stock Heavy Groceries.
The Worth Co.

STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds	55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	450,000 00
Bank Building	25,000 00
Cash	891,114 25
	$3,189,000,84

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	227,211 61
Circulation	425,000 00
Deposits	1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
	$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:
December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23
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Seasonable Goods
Cocoanuts, Mixed Nuts, Raisins. Apples, Etc. Bagging and Ties.
A Full Line of Heavy Groceries.
Hall & Pearsall, INC.
nov 23 tf

A Gift Worth While
The money spent for trinkets by the average family at Christmas time would buy an Edison Phonograph. The trinkets last about as long as Christmas does. The Edison Phonograph affords enjoyment day after day and year after year. The trinkets please only the individual recipients. The Edison Phonograph offers a continuous round of pleasure for the whole family.
It is the greatest music-maker of the age. It brings into the home circle all of the world's music, rendering with wonderful faithfulness whatever song, instrumental piece, or orchestral selection is desired.
Make this Christmas the merriest of all by having for its chief feature an.
EDISON PHONOGRAPH.
December Records now on sale.
J. W. ROBINSON & CO.
205 PRINCESS STREET.
nov 26 tf

What's the Use

of paying more for an article through prejudice, than you can buy for less, that's just as good?

Take Whiskey, for Instance.

We make but one charge—just for whiskey—that's all When you pay more than we ask for our whiskey you are being taxed for something else besides the whiskey.

Now "WHAT'S THE USE" of you paying an excess to anybody for imaginary superiority—when we have the same goods, but are content through immense volumes of sales, to break even on profits—instead of "hikeing up" the price beyond the point of giving you value received.

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"CHESTERFIELD NEVER DISAPPOINTS." Full quart $1.00. TRY IT.

Southern Distilling Co.

M. SELIGMAN, MANAGER.
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Suggestions For Christmas Presents---

Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves. Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas. Handbags.

A nice set of Furs for Ladies and Children. Ruching in fancy boxes.

Napkins, towels, and table linen. Table damask and napkins in sets, and the most attractive assortment of Handkerchiefs ever seen in this city.

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The Season for Sporting Goods Is On

Call in and let us show you complete line of Remington hammer and hammerless Guns. The celebrated Baker, all grades. Also fine line of Belgium Hammer Guns, Gun Covers, Leggins and a large and assorted stock of Ammunition.

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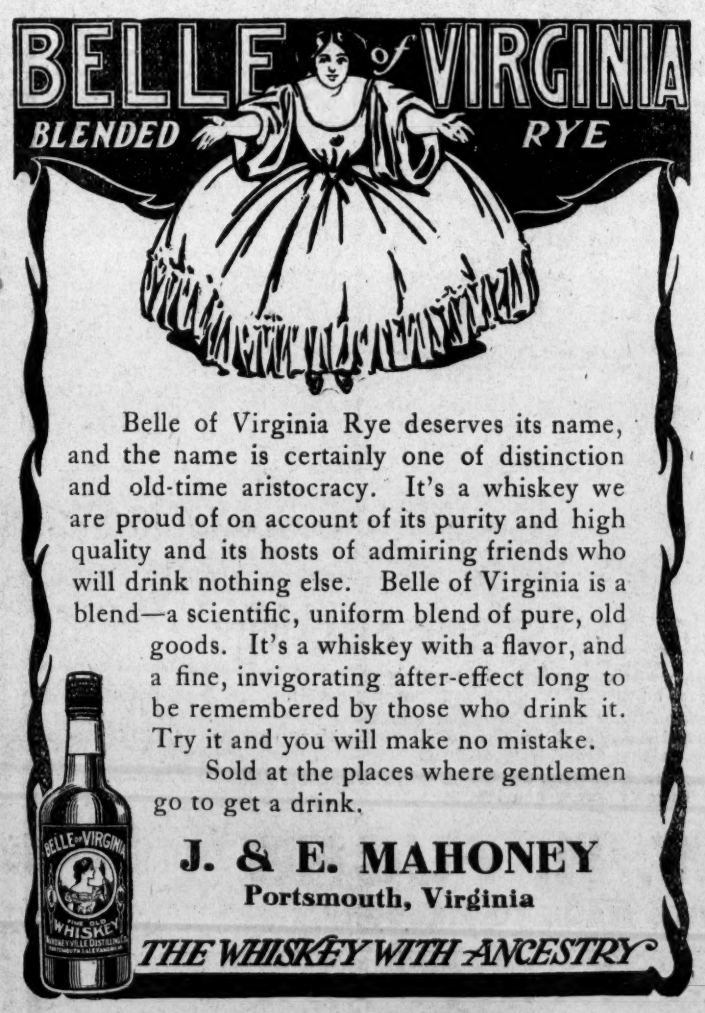

Belle of Virginia Rye deserves its name, and the name is certainly one of distinction and old-time aristocracy. It's a whiskey we are proud of on account of its purity and high quality and its hosts of admiring friends who will drink nothing else. Belle of Virginia is a blend—a scientific, uniform blend of pure, old goods. It's a whiskey with a flavor, and a fine, invigorating after-effect long to be remembered by those who drink it. Try it and you will make no mistake.

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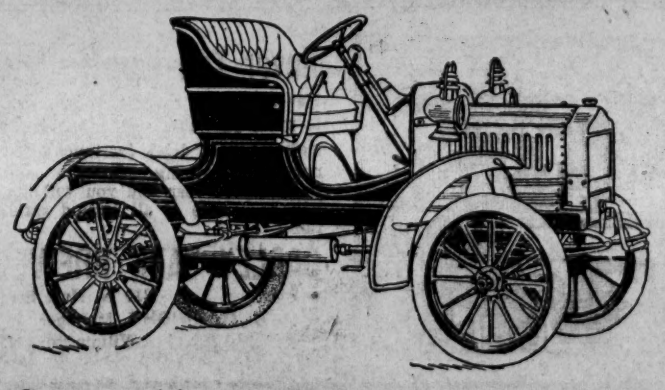

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FRANK HERBST. Sole Agent.

In Chase of a Red Hat.

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Hinkley of the Green Seal club was a lady killer. But Hinkley tired of his conquests. Women bored him.

Hinkley was dawdling down the street one day when a young lady under a red hat came out of a store and passed him, hurrying to her cab. His hat was knocked off and his cane went clattering, and if she said anything in the way of apology he didn't catch the words. This was a new experience for Hinkley. It aroused his sleeping interest.

As the clubman sauntered down to Twenty-third street and headed for Sixth avenue, intent on showing his form to the ladies of the shopping district, he came across the girl in the red hat again. She was entering a dry goods store. Hinkley entered after her. She went to the parasol counter, and he followed. Aside from the red hat, which was a very gorgeous affair, the wearer was a handsome young woman of about twenty-three. She knew that Hinkley was following her. Had she seemed to know it, however, he would have turned away. The young woman did not seem to know that he was on earth. As she looked at all sorts and kinds of parasols she walked on his feet or elbowed him out of the way. Sometimes she looked past him, and sometimes over his head, but never at him. When she had bought a red parasol to match the red hat she took it and walked out.

Mr. Hinkley was no longer bored. He was getting a move on. Life had come back to him with a rush. He followed the red hat out and saw it get into a cab. He took another cab and followed on and landed at the Grand Central depot. He followed to the ticket window and heard the young woman ask for a ticket to a certain Long Island village. He was at her elbow, but he was ignored. There was plenty of room for her to turn to the right, but she turned to the left and walked on his feet again and passed through the gates and took her train. Mr. Hinkley always carried a case of good cigars with him. He had a soft and gentle voice. Passing a cigar into the window and speaking with a pur, he inquired of the ticket man if he happened to know the young lady.

"Judge Durso's daughter and lives at Blankville," was the reply, accompanied by a wink.

He shouldn't have winked. Mr. Hinkley wasn't "running after" the female, but only following a clew to assist him to throw off the shackle of ennui. That evening at the club certain members were astonished to see that Hinkley was sitting up and taking notice of things in a way that he had not done for months. Some figured it out that his aunt was dead at last and others that he had got a sure thing on the races, but he gave up no information. At 10 o'clock the next morning he was on his way to Blankville. During the night he had decided that his Waterloo had arrived. He found himself in love. He had passed a thousand women by without a flutter of the heart, only to be caught by a girl wearing a red hat. It was her hat and her total indifference to him. It was the hat and the way she had walked on his feet. It was the hat and the way she had looked past him and elbowed him. His summer suit had been ignored. His faultless form had gone for nothing. His ego had been humiliated. Instead of bringing a thirst for revenge, these things had brought love and a spirit of forgiveness.

Mr. Hinkley had no difficulty in finding Judge Durso's residence. It was a manor house situated a mile from the village. The villagers who directed him would have liked to ask all about him and his hopes and aims and ambitions, but he did not give them time. Just what he was going to do when he reached the manor house he didn't know, but he was a firm believer in the old saying that providence takes care of asses and drunkards. He might make inquiries of some sort. He might leave his card. He would make himself known in some way. He entered the grounds with all sorts of plans running through his mind, but the whole boiling of them was soon put to flight. A watchdog came tearing down to the gate to meet him and seized him and rolled him on the grass. Then the gardener came tearing after the dog and rescued the man and stood him up against the fence and called him a tramp and threatened him. Then the old judge came down with stately step and put Mr. Hinkley through a severe cross examination and at the end called him a prevaricator and talked about the grand jury and indictments. He was finally permitted to limp away in ignominy, but he was only forty rods from the house when a girl in a red hat came tearing along in an auto. He started to raise his hat and get out of the road at the same time, but got mixed up, and the auto struck him and hurled him into the nearest fence corner. The girl never looked back.

Mr. Hinkley had no bones broken, and at the end of two hours he had limped and crawled back to the depot. He was rent and wrecked and dilapidated, but as the fire department had just been called out for a burning woodshed he was not remarked.

"New York, eh?" said the ticket seller as he threw the pasteboard and the change out. "I thought you had come down to the wedding."

"What wedding."

"Why, Judge Durso's daughter. She's to be married tomorrow. Dem fine girl that—dem fine. Ice water over there in the cooler. Try some for your feeling of homesickness!"

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W. W. KING, Jr.,
At Solomon's Shoe Store.

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This is to notify my friends and patrons and any others who may be interested, that I have moved my office from 16 Princess St., to the Odd Fellows' Building, Room 15. I have houses, building lots, cemetery lots, farms, timber lands, bank stock, mill stock and mercantile stock from Charleston, W. Va., to Titusville, Fla., For sale, a few good renting propositions. Call and see me at Room 15, Odd Fellows' Building.

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Christmas Gifts

A Christmas gift to be appreciated, is one that is useful and lasting. We have an especial fine selection at our new location, consisting of:

Rogers Silver Plated Knives and Forks,
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Fine Carving Sets,
Pocket and Table Cutlery, Scissors, Desk Sets, Razors and Razor Strops, Ever Ready and Gillette Safety Razors, Rifles and Shot Guns, and many other articles not mentioned here.

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THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy"

The only Dry Goods Store giving away free **Red Southern Trading Stamps**, which you will see by reading the list of merchants published in this advertisement.

Make your money do double duty every morning until Christmas. **We will give away DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS** every day from 8 o'clock to 12 noon. That is for every ten cent purchase you get two trading stamps, the kind that are redeemed at the Premium Store on Market Street—who have just received a handsome line of Premiums, such as Hand Painted China, Cut Glass, Bric a Brac, Furniture, pictures and a thonsand other useful articles. We shall only give one stamp during the remainder of the day.

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J. H. Borneman	Grocer	8th & Wooster
S. F. Craig	Grocer	605 N. Front
J. H. Taylor	Grocer	131 Market
J. W. Murchison & Co.	Hardware	109 N. Front
A. H. Benson	Grocer	924 So. 3rd
W. Munroe & Co.	Furniture	15-17 So. Front
R. A. Montgomery	Groceries & Meats	8th & Princess
Levi McMillan	Shoes, 2 stores	4th & Princess
C. W. Polvogt Co.	Dry Goods	123 N. Front
Rice & Claud	Furniture	607 N. Fourth
Chas. Richter	Grocer	928 N. Fourth
J. Shrien	Clothing	Front & Princess
E. A. Todd	Grocer	7th & Castle
C. W. Yates & Co.	Books & Stationary	117 Market
J. Laughlin & Co.	Grocer	601 So. Front

Watch our window display from day to day.

Our Carpet Department on second floor is full of useful Christmas presents—Down Quilts, Rugs, Fancy Pillows, Couch Covers, Blankets, Art Squares, Portieres, Lace Curtains, etc., etc.

The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY
The largest users of Red Southern Trading Stamps in the State.

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Advertising Pays Best in The Morning Star

STATEMENT

Report of the condition of the ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO., Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business Dec. 3, 1907.

Resources.

Loans and Discounts		$529,835 86
Demand Loans		23,690 00
Bonds		9,000 00
Furniture and fixtures		100 00
Due from Banks		98,011 28
Cash Items		284 30
Gold Coin		250 00
Silver Coin		832 96
Nat'l Bank and U. S. Notes		9,728 00
Total		$671,712 40

Liabilities.

Capital Stock		$ 50,000 00
Undivided Profits		29,759 88
Deposits	$561,600 57	
Demand Certificates	27,809 62	589,410 19
Cashier's Checks		2,242 33
Certified Checks		300 00
Total		$671,712 40

I, Milton Calder, Cashier of the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Dec. 1907.

W. B. DRAKE, JR., Notary Public.

Commission expires Aug. 21, 1908.

Correct Attest:

B. O. STONE,
C. J. MITCHELL,
B. H. J. AHRENS,
Directors.

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Something to "Lean On"

and a visible means of practical support is a good, substantial Bank Account. Once you have a good balance at your banker's, you do not care how things go, because you feel practically independent. And the only way to get a Bank Account is to save, and save, and acquire riches by patient thrift. We can help you do this by taking care of your savings and paying you a good interest thereon. Do not delay, but start saving at once.

Carolina Savings & Trust Co.

In the big white building, Corner Front and Princess streets.

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W. B. THORPE & CO., Inc.

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Oak, Black Jack and Pine, Cut for stoves.

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The best Coal for Grates.
Building Material.

Lime, Cement, Wall Plaster, etc.

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Do Your Christmas Buying NOW!

Before the rush begins.

Many new suggestions in our stock this year, a full variety of many little things of beauty and worth that make most acceptable gifts, at moderate cost. Books, Pictures, Leather Goods, Metal Novelties, Fine Stationery Cabinets, Christmas Cards and Calendars, etc., etc.

Take ample time to make your selections and have them laid aside until you wish them delivered.

Prompt and polite attention to all.

C. W. Yates & Co.
MARKET STREET.

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BURETT H. STEPHENS
Architect
and Consulting Engineer
406 Southern Building.

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The Morning Star.

Wednesday, December 18, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec 18, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Tuesday, December 17.

Temperature at 8 A. M., 33 degrees; 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum 50 degrees; minimum 52 degrees; mean 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, 1.69.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Tuesday 20 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Wednesday; Thursday fair and colder; fresh to brisk East shifting to West winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 18.

Sun Rises .....7:05 A. M.
Sun Sets .....4:28 P. M.
Day's Length .....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 7:00 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 9:30 A. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. L. Wilhoite, of Charlotte, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. H. P. Milliken, agent of the Seaboard at Clarkton, spent yesterday in the city.

—Mr. J. M. Shea, of the Seaboard Air Line at Hamlet, was in the city yesterday on official business.

—Mr. M. C. Stegall, of Clarkton, was here yesterday and was registered at The Orton.

—W. H. Pope, Esq., attorney for the Coast Line, was here yesterday from Fayetteville.

—Mr. R. C. Powell, of Whiteville, was in the city yesterday and was a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark and Miss Cora Clark, of Clarkton, spent yesterday in the city shopping.

—Mr. W. P. McKay and Miss Mamie McKay, of Red Springs, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Among the home returning collegians for the holidays are Mr. Alex. Sprunt, from Davidson, and Messrs. Jno. B. LeGwin and Henry Heyer, from the University.

—The many friends of Dr. Slade A. Smith, of Bolton, N. C., will regret to know that he is quite sick with typhoid fever at his old home at Elkton, N. C.

—Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Mrs. J. E. Bunting leaves tomorrow for Montgomery, Ala., where she will spend the Winter with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawley."

—Mr. Marion S. Harriss, a popular young Wilmingtonian, who has been a student the past two years at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., arrived home last night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William N. Harriss.

—State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, was in the city yesterday on his way to Leland, Brunswick county, where he delivered an educational address last night. While in the city he was a guest of Superintendent Blair, of the Wilmington Public Schools, at The Orton.

—Ex-Judge and Mrs. T. A. McNeill were called to Linden Thursday, says the Lumberton Robesonian, on account of the serious illness of Mrs. McNeill's sister, Mrs. Lou Williams. Judge McNeill returned home Saturday night, Mrs. McNeill remaining with her sister, whose condition is thought to be somewhat improved.

AFTER SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS

Order to Chief of Police to Have Loiterers Rounded Up.

Mayor Springer on Monday, in view of the large number of idle and floating population in the city just at present, issued orders to Chief of Police Williams to have all the men of the police department exercise a special vigilance as to idle and unemployed negroes and whites whom they may find loitering around after 12 o'clock at night. The Mayor stated that it is generally presumed that working people, except those who have duties which keep them up all night, are at home in bed by midnight and if they are not, the officers are to exercise their judgment in sending them to the police station as vagrants. This order is given as a precautionary measure against robbery and crime that usually follows a closing down of any considerable number of industrial enterprises and is upon the presumption that "a stitch in time saves nine." The order has been promulgated among the officers on night duty and so far as can be learned all suspicious characters after 12 o'clock at night have to give a good account of themselves or stand the consequences of a midnight ride to the station house in the patrol.

MRS. KINCH GURGANIOUS DEAD.

Good Woman Passed Away in Pender County Last Week—Funeral.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Willard, N. C., Dec. 17.—Our hearts were made sad on the 14th of December when called upon to witness the burial of our beloved sister, Susan Gurganious, wife of Brother Kinch Gurganious. She had been lingering ever since last March, but was not confined to her bed until three weeks previous to her death. She suffered very intensely but patiently. I visited her in her sickness, talked and prayed with her. I am glad to say that Sister Gurganious told me shortly before she died that she loved God supremely and intended to serve Him until the last.

She quietly passed away on Thursday, December 12th, and owing to the fact that her family was so widely scattered, she was kept up until Saturday, December 14th. I was sent for to funeralize her, which service I tried to render in a tender, sympathetic manner. She leaves a devoted husband and several children and many friends to mourn her departure.

W. M. KELLY.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Services at First Church of Christ, Scientist, Carolina Place, this evening at 8:15 o'clock. All are invited.

—A Christmas entertainment will be given Thursday evening at the Wrightsville Public School, after which refreshments will be served for the benefit of the Methodist Church fund. All friends are cordially invited.

—By deed filed for record yesterday E. H. Cranmer and wife, of Southport, transferred to Jos. N. Daniel, for $10 and other considerations, one-tenth interest in property at southeast corner of Dock and South Water streets, fronting 66 feet on Water street.

—Announcement is made of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Sadie Burriss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burriss, of Masonboro, and Mr. Frank Rue, also of Masonboro. The ceremony will take place this evening at the home of the bride's parents.

—There were but two trifling cases before the Mayor yesterday. The dedendants were charged with vagrancy and were sentenced to 30 days on the roads, but later they established the fact that they had legitimate employment and were discharged with an admonition not to be found loitering around the streets again.

—Alderman W. W. King has rented one of the handsome stores in the Warren block, No. 9 South Second street, and is having it fitted up handsomely as an undertaker's establishment. Alderman King is both an undertaker and embalmer of experience and will considerably enlarge his business upon the completion of his new place.

—It is understood that a movement is making to have the bankruptcy proceedings against D. N. Stanley, grocer of this city, withdrawn by the petitioning creditors. In the event the petition to have Mr. Stanley adjudged an involuntary bankrupt is withdrawn, his affairs will be wound up under the assignment made in the State courts some time ago.

DERELICT OF AUG. WELT.

Schooner Abandoned Off Hatteras Saturday Making This Way.

Capt. C. D. Maffitt, the ship broker, received a long distance telephone massage yesterday morning from Shipbroker James T. Maloney, of Charleston, asking that Wilmington tugs go out in search of the derelict of the schooner Augustus Welt, Cartaret, N. J., to Savannah with cargo of fertilizer constituents, which was abandoned off Hatteras Saturday afternoon following the severe coast storm of Friday night, Capt. Marshall and crew of nine men having been taken off the schooner and landed in Charleston Sunday by the Clyde liner Mohican, Capt. Chichester. The vessel was reported Monday afternoon still afloat and drifting close in shore about six o'clock a little to the southward of Cape Lookout. Wilmington tugs were engaged yesterday and could not go in search of the derelict but Capt. Maffitt telegraphed to the Revenue Cutter Seminole, which was expected to arrive at Southport last night. The derelict is dangerous to navigation and will be either towed in for salvage or will be blown up by the cutter.

Soon after encountering the gale Friday night the Welt sprung a leak and had to be deserted by the crew who took to the small boats after the pumps became clogged with the fertilizer on board, the waves completely washing the ship. The small boat was tied to the derelict ready to cut loose at a moment's notice should the ship show signs of sinking and they were finally picked up after being tossed in the yawl from 10 A. M. to 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The Augustus Welt was a well known trading vessel along the coast. She was 1,111 net tons, 200.3 feet in length, 40.9 on her beam and 21.5 in depth. She was built in 1889 at Waldboro, Maine, and her home port was Boston.

ANOTHER SUIT AGAINST ONSLOW

D. H. Tolman Sues for Interest Coupons for Three Years in Court.

Messrs. Rountree & Carr, of this city, counsel for the bondholders, D. H. Tolman, and others, of Chicago, yesterday brought suit in the United States Court here against the county of Onslow for interest on certain bonds voted by Onslow to the old Wilmington & Newbern railroad and which were recently declared valid after litigation of considerable length during which the case was finally taken up to the circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond.

The Court held that the bonds were perfectly valid and must be paid, but the complaint filed yesterday morning in the office of the clerk here sets forth that the interest on certain of the bonds has not been paid as due January 1st, 1905, January 1st, 1906, and January 1st, 1907, the aggregate amount sued for being $7,200. The county of Onslow has not yet made answer to the complaint but this will probably be in before the next return day as the default of the interest on the bond issue is taken to mean that the county will still fight the payment of the bonds, which it was contended were voted illegally and that the act of the Legislature which authorized the election on the bond issue was defective. All these matters were threshed out during the former litigation to test the constitutionality of the bonds.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says; 'Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness anl all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c.

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THE MASONBORO ROAD

"An Old Resident" Writes of Conditions as He Finds Them.

Reading your numerous locals, appearing at various times, of the progress being made by Chairman McEachern and his fellow Commissioners, in perfecting the new rock quarry and of the many prospective beginnings to rock the Masonboro road, an old resident was prompted, yesterday, by interest and curiosity to procure a vehicle and drive over this rapidly improving thoroughfare, to his old home on the Sound.

He should have met a number of his old Sounder friends, mounted on their carts, with their faces wreathed in smiles, instead of meeting them trudging alongside their straining teams and inquiring "when are we going to get that good road?" but, strange to say, he did not; stranger still, the carts and convicts spreading rock for this last "beginning," announced for Monday, were nowhere to be seen.

To say that he was charmed at the progress made in improvements of this "once was" sandy road, would but poorly express his emotions for the road had, really and truly, been rocked for 250 feet, more or less and the old sandy ruts, packed solid by constant use for years, had been dug out or filled in for several hundred yards, preparatory to rocking—marvelous work, not to be appreciated until it is known that the first load of rock was laid and a "beginning" made so short a time ago, as last Spring.

It is true that "kickers" could find fault with the condition of the "unimproved" portions of the road but not reasonable people who consider well before kicking. As the Sound is neared, the mud holes are many and deep but there is no serious obstruction until the approach to Hewlett's creek is reached, when the question arises as to which is the most dangerous—the braving of the mud holes to reach the bridge or fording the creek.

The old resident is not a "kicker" but is reasonable and he can readily understand that the Commissioners do not wish to waste the people's money in temporary work, when past progress on this road warrants them in believing that these slight defects will be remedied, permanently, with crushed rock, in a few years.

Our old resident has written, on the prospects, for the catalogues of numerous autos and, with the assistance of Messrs. Herbst and Platt, he will inform himself on the merits of the Maxwells, the Fords, etc. and be prepared to close contract for the best machine on the market, somewhere about the year 19—(?), by which time, he hopes to rebuild and become again, a Sounder, placed, by the energetic work of our commissioners and their intelligent use of funds, already provided, in quick and cheap reach of his business.

MASONBORO.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 17, 1907.

AUDIT AND FINANCE

Little Business for Transaction at Last Night's Meeting.

The Board of Audit and Finance in regular semi-monthly meeting was engaged less than an hour in transacting the business that came before it last night. There were Present Chairman McQueen and Messrs. Wilder and Tiencken. The only matter out of the regular routine was approval of the contract with H. E. Longley & Co., for the plumbing in the new consolidated fire house, near Fourth and Dock streets, the contractor to give suitable bond. The bid was $411 while the nearest competitor was Griffith Brothers, $419. The matter of the building of the retaining wall at the rear of the consolidated fire house was brought up after further information and the action of the Aldermen was approved.

The usual bills for current expenses, none of which was important, were audited and approved, after which the Board adjourned.

Mayor Springer had expected to appear before the Board with reference to several matters but was necessarily detained elsewhere and was not present.

CANTATA SUNG TONIGHT

Choir of St. James Will be Heard in Delightful Music.

There is much interest in musical circles over the singing by the St. James Choir of "The Coming of the King" in the church tonight. Everybody is urged to be on time before 8:30 o'clock as no one will be admitted during the rendition of any number. During the progress of the cantata, Rev. Mr. Hogue, rector of the parish, will deliver an appropriate address which will be heard with great interest. A very large audience is expected for this annual musical offering of the St. James Choir which has done much toward the cultivation of a taste for the best that is to be had from the foremost composers.

Negress Burned to Death.

Lucy Green, a colored woman, said to be 107 years of age, died late Monday night as the result of burns she received by falling into a fire place at her home, No. 609 North Seventh street. The old woman was alone when she fell in the fire and in her feeble condition was unable to get out of the fire until neighbors hearing her screams, ran in to her relief. The old woman claimed before death that she was born in 1800 and said that she remembered distinctly having heard George Washington speak in Kenansville, Duplin county, on the Fourth of July 99 years ago. The remains after being viewed by the coroner, were buried yesterday.

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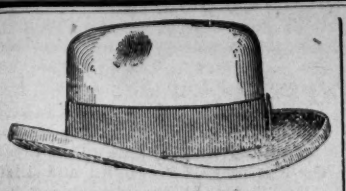

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SIXTY ONE VICTIMS

Forty-Two Bodies Have Already Been Recovered From The Ill-Fated Volandi Mine and Nineteen More Remain Below.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Yolande, Ala., Dec. 17.—At 10 o'clock tonight forty-two blackened and mangled bodies had been taken from the ill-fated Yolande mine in which the disastrous explosion occurred yesterday.

Nineteen more bodies are in the mines, making a total of sixty one victims of the catastrophe.

All day the rescue parties have worked against fearful odds. The hot air and smoke from the explosion have made it difficult to get into the lower entries and several of the rescue party have been overcome at different times and have to be brought to the surface for fresh air.

No one is yet able to tell what caused the explosion. The theory most generally accepted now is that one of the men allowed a stick of dynamite to explode which stirred up the dust and this in turn exploded, spreading death and destruction through the whole mine. This theory is borne out by the fact that the entire front of one man's body was torn away. His backbone alone remained and one leg was partially torn off. Men at the mine contend that this man was probably holding a stick of dynamite when it went off.

It is believed tonight that the last of the bodies cannot be brought out before tomorrow at noon. The pumps were disabled by the explosion and the rescuers are making superhuman efforts to get the bodies out of the lower slopes before the water rises over them.

The damage to the mine itself is not as great as first thought. In fact officials of the company stated today that the work could be resumed in the mine within four or five days if the bodies were all out.

A total of twenty-six men who were in the mine at the time of the explosion made their report. Among those was Steve Stofko, a Scotchman. He was far down the slope in the fourth lift, when the explosion occurred in the sixth light. Six other men were with him and all except Stofko made a dash for their air passage. Stofko instead, made for the main entry and walked out calmly with his face wreathed in smiles. One negro, of the original party, escaped through a dog hole from the air passage into the main entry and escaped. The other five are now huddled to gether in death in the air passage and the rescue parties have so far been unable to reach them. Negroes were the greatest sufferers from the disaster as less than a third of the victims are white.

DAHLMAN VS. ROOSEVELT.

Mayor of Omaha Tells of His Interview With the President.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 17.—Mayor Jas. C. Dahlman tonight gave to the Associated Press a statement regarding his interview with President Roosevelt while the Mayor was attending the meeting in Washington last week of the National Democratic Committee.

Mayor Dahlman says the President gave him a message for the people of the West and that he felt at full liberty to repeat it to the press. He says:

"He (the President) knew what he meant, and I knew what he meant. There was nothing ambiguous about it. There were several other witnesses there and they heard what was said. There was no secret about it.

"I have given it out only as it occurred. I am fully in accord with the President's position, as he indicated it to me. He did not say that he was glad we had the panic, regardless of anything else. What he did say was that if it had come, he believed that the sooner it was over the better. I do not believe that anything that I have ever said about it could be construed otherwise. I do not believe that President Roosevelt and myself will disagree in the slightest particular as to what he meant or as to what I understood him to mean. He was certainly specific and I believe that I understand the English language."

CANCELLING INSURANCE.

Night Riders Cause Companies to Take Radical Action.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 17.—Company H. First Kentucky Regiment, accompanied by Colonel W. B Haldeman, arrived here today from Louisville to relieve the Company which has guarded Hopkinsville since the raid of the "Night Riders" last week. A petition is being circulated calling for a special term of the Circuit Court to indict and punish members of the mob.

An organization for the protection of the city from further attacks was completed today.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—On account of "Night Riders" and incendiarism in the tobacco districts of Indiana and Kentucky, insurance companies are cancelling policies on leaf tobacco in warehouses and barns.

One fire insurance company has cancelled every tobacco policy in Southern Indiana, and in the neighborhood of Hopkinsville, Ky. The company is cancelling policies in nearly every section of Kentucky.

J. R. Bright, of Nashville, Tenn., aged 35, was arrested at Norfolk yesterday on the complaint at Norfolk and Newport News merchants. He is charged with forging checks on prominent citizens. It is declared he obtained considerable money from Alex. Hofheimer, of Norfolk, and Homer L. Ferguson, of Newjort News.

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ARTHUR T. ABERNETHY, PhD.

Young North Carolinian Who Has Achieved Literary Distinction.

The Star was pleased to have a call last evening from Mr. Arthur T. Abernethy, formerly of Rutherford College, this State, and a son of the distinguished president of that institution, but who is now pursuing literary work in Philadelphia where he was formerly of the staff of the Record. Mr. Abernethy is one of the young men of Carolina who have achieved success after passing beyond the Mason & Dixon line, but he is as true and as loyal to the South as of yore and talked last night very interestingly of his travels and the future which he is certain is in store for this section of a great country. Mr. Abernethey travels extensively in his literary work and is now down in North Carolina to spend the holidays in his old home in the mountains of the State. He ran down to Wilmington on his first visit in twenty years. He says that he hardly knew the "old town" and somehow had gotten an erroneous opinion that conservative Wilmington had not kept pace with the other cities of the commonwealth. He said he was agreeably surprised to find that she had not only kept pace but had outstripped many of them.

Mr. Abernethy will be in the city several days. Besides being author of a history of New York in three volumes, he has also given to the literary world: "Did Washington Aspire to be King?" "Bertie and Clara," "Mechanics of Electric Telegraph," "History of the Theater," Autobiography of a Madman," "History of the Jews," "King Leopold in the Congo," and many others.

WILMINGTON WELCOMES HIM

J. G. McCormick, Esq., to be With Acme Manufacturing Co.

Wilmington welcomes as a citizen John Gilchrist McCormick, Esq., a leading young member of the Lumberton bar and formerly a member of the well known legal firm of McLean, McLean & McCormick, of Lumberton. Mr. McCormick comes to be associated with the Acme Manufacturing Company, of this city and Cronly, and will be secretary and treasurer after the first of the new year. He is a young man of fine attainments and splendid ability and the Acme Manufacturing Company is to be congratulated upon securing his association with its old and well known enterprise. Mr. McCormick is a University man, has always taken a lively interest in public affairs, is chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee of the "State of Robeson" and has been several times honored by his fellow countrymen, though he has never aspired to office politically. The Lumberton Robesonian of this week announces the coming of Mr. McCormick to Wilmington though the change had been rumored for several months. Mr. McCormick already has a great number of friends here and he is not coming among a strange people.

Found by the Watchman.

The trunk reported as having been recovered by the police from the Angola lumber mill yard Sunday afternoon was found by the watchman on the premises and not by the policemen as stated erroneously in yesterday's paper. The trunk was turned over to the officers by the watchman at the mill. It is still at the police station and why the owner who has been up and identified the property doesn't take it away, is a mystery to the police.

Suit Against Lumber Company.

Woodus Kellum, Esq., of this city, on yesterday instituted suit in behalf of young Henry King, of Onslow county, against the Kanawha Lumber Corporation, of Conway, S. C., who some time ago lost a part of his right arm in some of the machinery at the mills where he was employed. The amount of damages asked for the personal injury has not yet been determined upon and it is learned that efforts are being made to compromise the matter.

TWO WERE ELECTROCUTED

Charles Gibson and Stephen Dorsey Pay Death Penalty.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 17.—Charles Gibson and Stephen Dorsey, colored, were electrocuted at the State prison today for the murder of Mrs. Edward Horner and Victoria Natoli, the latter a servant girl employed by Mrs. Horner.

The murders were committed in connection with a robbery of the Horner home near Camden last August.

Gibson was electrocuted first and Dorsey a few minutes later. The men were accompanied by the Rev. Jacob E. Dunn, a colored minister. The current was turned on Gibson at four minutes before 6 o'clock and on Dorsey four minutes after six. Both men died instantly. The electrocutions were witnessed by Edw. Horner, husband of one of the murdered women. During the night Dorsey wrote a letter to Principal Keeper Osborne in which he declared himself innocent. He did not deny, however, being present when the women were killed.

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, bonanza farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him. "Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle 10c.

The jury in the case of Marion Sims, charged with the murder of Benjamin J. Lightfoot, at Americus, Ga., brought in a verdict of not guilty last night. Sims, a prominent citizen, brained Lightfoot, another prominent citizen, with a billiard cue recently at Desota, Ga. The tragedy was the result of a feud. Self defense was pleaded.

WARM WIRELETS.

A rough count of the census of Cuba was cabled to the War Department by Governor Magoon yesterday showing the total population of the island to be 2,029,282.

Seth Low, former president of Columbia University was elected President at the closing session of the National Civic Federation yesterday, succeeding August Belmont, who felt obliged to retire owing to press of business cares.

Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, died yesterday at Glasgow. He was a celebrated mathematician and occupied the chair of naturel philosophy in Glasgow University from 1864 to 1899. He was knighted in 1866 and was created Baron Kelvin in 1892

In the domains of heat, electricity and magnetism he was one of the great investigators of the century. He invented a number of instruments used in navigation and deep sea exploration and took a prominent part in the laying of the first submarine cables in the Atlantic.

Edwin C. Howell, a former editor of the Boston Herald and later of the Baltimore News, died at his brother's home at Gwathmey, Va., yesterday. He was at one time a professor in John Hopkins University. He also was regarded as one of the best chess players of the country. He was 47 years old.

The wreck of the seven-masted American schooner Thomas W. Lawson, which capsized Friday, December 13, in Broad Sound, Scilly Islands, with the loss of sixteen out of her crew of eighteen men, broke adrift from the rocks holding it yesterday and sank. The schooner had parted in the middle and was in two pieces.

After being stabbed in the back with a file by Thomas House, manager of a pool room at Plant City, Fla., Will Hoggs, 20 years old and recently from Georgia, struck House over the head with a billiard cue, fracturing his skull, death resulting in three hours. House was drinking. Hobbs' wound is not serious, and he was arrested.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf is detained at his home with an attack of the grip. When he returned from Norfolk yesterday where he went with the President and party he was compelled to take to his bed. The Secretary was unable, according to the reports from Norfolk, to leave the cabin of the Mayflower to review the fleet, having been indisposed before he left Washington.

Frederick E. Sargeant, Cashier and Vice President of the Jeweler's National Bank of North Attleboro, Mass. and prominently identified with Providence, R. I., and North Attleboro business firms, was found dead in the bath tub at his home in the bank building tonight. The President of the Jewelers' National Bank is Albert H. Wiggin, of the Chase National Bank, New York.

A wireless received at the officers of the Hamburg-American Line in New York from Capt. Witt, of steamship President Grant, with Secretary Taft and party on board, states that the strong head winds and high seas prevailing have necessitated running under reduced speed and caused the ship to fall behind her usual schedule. Captain Witt says that he will arrive at Sandy Hook Friday noon, and that all on board are well.

Judge William C. Hook, presiding in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis rendered a decision yesterday that H. Clay Pierce, chairman of the executive board of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company would be given the privilege of suing out a writ of certioriri from the United States States Supreme Court. Mr. Pierce was arrested last Spring on a charge of having made a false affidavit in Texas. He appealed the case.

The Navy Department last night sent a wireless message to Captain J. M. Murdock, of the Battleship Sheridan with the Atlantic fleet en route to Trinidad, informing him that his wife, who has been seriously ill, is better. No busines of consequence, demanding other communication with the fleet, occurred at the department today and apparently Admiral Evans had nothing to lay before the department, as no word came from him.

At New York Justice Burr yesterday sentenced Acting Police Captain Kuhne to serve thirty days imprisonment in Kings county jail and pay a fine of $250, for Contempt of Court in failing to obey a writ, restraining him from taking Bertillon measurements of Frank Jenkins, recently indicted on charges of forgery and larceny in connection with the suspension of the Jenkins Trust company. This is another step in the effort of the Jenkins Brothers to have their Bertillon records destroyed. An appeal from Justice Burr's decision will be taken which will have the effect of a stay of sentence.

—"So your husband has given up betting on horses?" "Yes." "Why?" "Well, he had an idea that he would like to know just where his money went, so he's joined a poker club."—Chicago Record-Herald.

—A Kansas City man is running both a saloon and a liquor cure establishment. He seems to have worked out the problem of catching them coming and going in a most practical manner.—Exchange.

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MYTHICAL CREATURES.

The General Belief In Fabulous Monsters In Olden Days.

Now that the cold light of science has thrown its ray upon the most remote parts of our globe there is no longer room for legendary creatures—save the sea serpent—and we are told that the mermaid is nothing more than a dugong, a unicorn either a rhinoceros or a Tibetan antelope, while the cockatrice, the phoenix and the roc appear to be pure imaginations.

But in the Elizabethan age—an age when the dodo had but recently been discovered—these and many other mythical creatures were, if not living, at all events actual realities to the ordinary public, and as such were referred to in the works of the great dramatist and other contemporary writers. We meet, for instance, in the "Winter's Tale" the line, "Make me not sighted like the basilisk," and in "The Tempest," "Now I will believe that there are unicorns." But not only was more or less of credulity given to the existence of these and such like fabulous monsters, but a web of mystic lore encircled the most common and best known of beasts, birds and fishes. Who, for instance, is forgetful of the popular superstitions connected with the salamander, the newt and the blindworm, and who fails to remember White's account of the "shrewash" at Selborne? And if such superstitions still survive among uneducated peasants of the present day we may be assured that two centuries ago they were fully believed by the higher classes.—Academy.

WORKS OF A WATCH.

All the Parts Are but the Expression of One Idea.

To one who has never studied the mechanism of a watch its mainspring or the balance wheel is a mere piece of metal. He may have looked at the face of the watch, and while he admires the motions of its hands and the time it keeps he may have wondered in idle amazement as to the character of the machinery which is concealed within. Take it to pieces and show him each part separately, and he will recognize neither design nor adaptation nor relation between them, but put them together, set them to work, point out the offices of each spring, wheel and cog, explain their movements and then show him the result. Now he perceives that it is all one design; that, notwithstanding the number of parts, their diverse forms and various offices and the agents concerned, the whole piece is of one idea. He now rightly concludes that when the mainspring was fashioned and tempered its relation to all the other parts must have been considered; that the cogs on this wheel are cut and regulated—adapted—to the ratchets on that, etc., and his final conclusion will be that such a piece of mechanism could not have been produced by chance, for the adaptation of the parts is such as to show it to be according to design and obedient to the will of one intelligence.

Fifty Miles to Market.

It is not an uncommon thing in France to see a farmer forty or fifty miles from home in wet weather with a load. If he sees a prospect of a three days' rain, he puts his tarpaulin over his load, a cover over his horses and a waterproof coat on and starts off to market. He may go fifty miles before he finds a market that suits him, or he may know in advance just where he is going. You do not often see anybody driving fifty miles through a rainstorm in the United States to find a market for a load of hay, but it is not uncommon to see farmers' wagons forty or fifty miles from home in France. They choose the wet weather for that purpose. Their roads are just as good then as at any time.

The Chinese.

Conservative historians among the Chinese claim for their race an antiquity of at least 100,000 years, while those whose estimates are a little "wild" assert that the Chinese were the original inhabitants of the earth and that Chinese history goes back at least 500,000,000 years. The government records of China place the foundation of the empire at 2500 B. C. and claim that it was established by Tohi, who, they assert, is the Noah mentioned in the book of Genesis, B. C. 2240.

How It Struck Her.

"You seemed greatly impressed," said the minister, "with my description of how they brought the head of John the Baptist before the king on a salver."

"Yes," sighed Mrs. De Style; "I was thinking how much better they trained servants in those days. Now, mine, when they bring me things, are forever forgetting the salver."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Sure Way.

First Author—Oh, the unutterable monotony of existence! I am thoroughly disgusted with it all. Would that I might completely disappear for awhile. Second Author—Then why don't you marry a famous woman?—Judge.

The Folklore of Puss.

Puss has earned the reputation of being weatherwise. Good weather may be expected when "tabby" washes herself, but bad when she licks herself against the grain or sits with her tail to the fire.

Formerly in Scotland when a family removed from one house to another the family cat was always taken as a protection against disease. It is curious to find the opposite practice obtaining in Ireland, where it is considered highly unlucky for a family to take with them a cat when they are "flitting," especially so if they have to cross a river. There is a popular belief that a cat born in the month of May is of no use whatever for catching rats and mice, but exerts an injurious influence on the house through bringing into it disagreeable reptiles of various kinds, says Woman's Life.

In Scotland black cats are supposed to bring not only good luck, but also lovers, in illustration of which may be quoted the well known rhyme:

Whenever the cat o' the house is black,
The lasses o' lovers will have no lack.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

POSITION WANTED as a grocery clerk. I have several years' experience and can furnish good references. Address C., care Star. de 18-1t*

FERNS, palms, begonias, primroses and other potted plants. Orders taken for cut flowers. Plants and boxes of flowers in Christmas wrappings at reasonable prices. 510 South Third street. Phone 1249. de 18-1t*

JUST RECEIVED—A nice lot of dressed beef and dressed chickens, R. A. Montgomery, Eighth and Princess streets. Phone 461 and 462. de 18-1t

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a full line of cigars, pipes, tobacco, and many other articles in our line for Christmas presents. Ladies wishing us to send out goods kindly call us up phone 77 and we will give all orders prompt attention. The Gerken Tobacco Company. dec 18 6t

ROOMS FOR RENT with board to proper persons. Privilege of phone and bath. Hot and cold water. Apply to No. 7 South Fourth street. de 17 3t

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms with privilege of bath. Hot and cold water and electric lights. Apply 501 South Front street. dec 17 tf

FOR RENT—One house, $17; one house, $15; one house, $10; one house, $7.50; one house, $32.50. Call early and get the pick. W. M. Cumming, Real Estate. dec 17 5t

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION opens the 35th series B. & L. stock January 4th, 1908. Walker Taylor, president; L. Stein, vice president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 17-5t

MRS. KNAPP will continue her exhibition and sale of painted China and water colors until Christmas. Many beautiful and inexpensive articles suitable for gifts. Odd Fellows' Building, Third and Princess streets. de 15-5t*

NEW WOOD YARD—Oak, pine and ash wood, cut any length desired. Telephone 1467. Wood & Carl, Northrop Millyard. de 15-1w*

STOP! PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, Notary Public. Correspondence, depositions, specifications, commercial and general typewriting satisfactorily performed. Court cases and conventions reported. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess Street. Office phone 708; residence phone 546. de 13-tf

AGENTS WANTED—A few live men in Eastern Carolina can get a most desirable contract for the best selling Building & Loan and Insurance proposition of the year. Our insured stock is interesting to everybody. Apply giving references to Southern Mutual Home & Real Estate Co., 209 North Front street. se 8 tf

THIRTY-SECOND SERIES—The Clarendon Savings & Loan Association will open its 32nd series of stock on Saturday the 4th day of January 1908. This association has for past years opened and matured two series each year. Stock to this new series can now be obtained by applying to either of officers named below. Subscribe now and avoid the rush on the last day. D. C. Love, President; Walker Taylor, Vice President; H. McClammy, attorney; S. P. Collier, secretary.

THE GILBERT HOUSE, corner of Front and Princess streets steam heat, electric lights, hot and cold water. Regular transient and table board. Rates by the week A. M. Gilbert. nov 5 tf

WANTED—For U. S. Army: able-bodied unmarried men between ages of 21 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 101 Princess st., Wilmington, N. C. au 15 to de 31

IF YOU WANT your cleaning and pressing done right at right prices, give the right place a trial. Ladies' work a specialty. Membership $1 per month. Phone 59. Suitatorium Pressing Club, C. H. Beardsley, Proprietor. no 23-1m

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 719. se 22-tf

YOUR OPPORTUNITY—A long established wholesale grocery business with excellent reputation can be purchased on easy terms. The opportunity is exceptional. Address B, Postoffice Box 163, City. no 26-tf

Two Farms FOR RENT

"Elm Grove," situated 3 1-2 miles from city, on Scott's Hill turnpike.

Oakley Plantation, situated 5 miles from city, on Castle Hayne road.

Apply to

D. L. GORE

120 to 124 North Water Street.

Wilmington, N. C.

dec 5 tf

Schedule Steamer Atlantic

Effective September 1st.

Until further notice, Steamer Atlantic will leave Southport daily at 7:30 o'clock A. M. Leave Wilmington daily, except Sunday, at 2-30 o'clock P. M.

M. T. CRAIG,
Phone 764. General Manager.

Economize

by making one gift do for the whole family. The one gift that will answer this purpose is the installation of electric lights in your home. Let us give you an estimate. If you have lights already you might buy an electric portable or pretty fixture. We have also gas portables, medical batteries, Christmas tree lights, toy motors and electric flash lights.

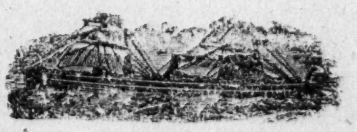
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC COMPANY

No. 215 Princess Street.

dec 8 tf

Clyde Steamship Company.

New York, Wilmington, N. C., and Georgetown, S. C. Lines



New York for Wilmington.

S. S. Navahoe...Friday, Dec. 20, 1907
S. S. Carib.....Friday, Dec. 27, 1907

Wilmington to New York.

S. S. Carib....Saturday, Dec. 21, 1907
S. S. Navahoe, Saturday, Dec. 28, 1907

Wilmington for Georgetown.

S. S. Navahoe..Monday, Dec. 23, 1907
S. S. Carib.....Monday, Dec. 30, 1907

Both steamers have good passenger accommodations.

Through bills of lading and lowest through rates guaranteed to and from points in North and South Carolina. For freight and passage apply to H. G. SMALLBONES, Supt., Wilmington, N. C.

E. SINDALL, G. F. A.
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H. H. RAYMOND, V. P. & G. M.
220 Broadway, New York.
General Offices, Pier 36 N. R. Brdl, 220
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SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

Statement of condition December 3rd, 1907. Condensed from Report to United States Government.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$871,732 20
Overdrafts		1,464 51
U. S. Bonds and Premiums		259,296 88
Furniture and Fixtures		6,530 49
Cash:		
Due from Banks	$453,418 16	
In our Vault	95,667 74	549,085 90
		$1,688,109 98

Liabilities:

Capital		$200,000 00
Surplus		100,000 00
*Undivided Profits, Net		25,644 46
Circulation		200,000 00
Bills Payable and Re-discounts		105,000 00
Deposits:		
Banks	$690,446 16	
Individuals	317,019 36	
U. S. Government	50,0000 00	1,057,465 52
		$1,688,109 98

*After Dividends of $12,000.00 paid.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, a widely known Baptist preacher, formerly located here and once professor at Wake Forest college, died today at Hickory where he was serving as pastor.

—Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Governor Glenn returned this morning from Roanoke Rapids, where he delivered an address Sunday in the interests of the Prohibition campaign. He says while the vote may be rather close temperance is sure to win.

—Spencer, Dec. 16.—Fire which started in professional offices in the second story of the Rowan county court house early this morning gutted the annex to the building entailing a damage estimated at $8,000. The law offices of T. G. Furr, James H. Horrah, T. F. Jerome, T. H. Vanderford, Walter Murphy, M. F. Hatcher and Smoot and Capps were wrecked and burned. The loss to the county is covered by insurance.

—Carthage, Dec. 17.—In Moore County Superior Court Saturday, the Sanford Sash and Blind Company, recovered $14,000 damages from the Seaboard Air Line railway Company for negligently burning the plant of the Sash and Blind Company last year. Messrs. Seawell and McIver of Sanford, W. J. Adams and H. F. Seawell, represented the plaintiff; Maj. J. D. Shaw and Mr, U. L. Spence, the defendant.

—Charlotte News: Mr. W. B. Donaldson, whose home was at No. 17 Brick Row, was found dead in bed Sunday morning when his family went to wake him to tell his son-in-law, who was going away, good-bye. Mr. Donaldson went to bed Saturday night apparently in good health, and death evidently came while he was asleep.—Mr. Donaldson was 59 years of age, and was a well-known mattress maker. He is survived by a wife and a large family of children.

—Weldon, Dec. 17.—Mr. T. E. Pender, the Halifax county farmer, at whose hands Miss Olga Sjostedt claims to have been most outrageously treated, invites a most searching investigation He says, in a signed communication: "I invite the most thorough investigation and denounce the whole story as the most d—nable plot ever hatched against man." The citizens of Halifax county would also like to have the matter cleared up.

—South Carolina Times: Dr. J. C. Williamson, who was in the city from Cero Gorda, N. C., said in speaking about the saw mill situation throughout their section that he understood that a good many plants had cut hands on account of the dull season. The company of which he was a member at Cero Gordo had cut hands 20 per cent. though he was expecting to see business pick up after Christmas when more labor would be necessary. He said that they were building another large plant which would be in operation soon.

—Greensboro Telegram: Last Saturday night Mr. Albert Rayle after eating his supper, went to his room at his boarding house, lighted a lamp, then left the room and since that time his whereabouts have been unknown to his acquaintances in this city. Mr. Rayle was employed by C. F. Thomas & Bro., job printers, and had told his employers that he was going to change his boarding house. He secured board from a Mr. Landreth on South Elm street, and carried his trunk and valise there. He is known as a steady man and his disappearance is regarded as somewhat mysterious. It was at first thought that he had gone to High Point, but it was ascertained yesterday afternoon that such was not the case. He has a sister living in Winston-Salem and it is probable that he is in Winston. Mr. Landreth, with whom Mr. Rayle secured rooms, is somewhat at a loss to know what to do with the belongings of his disappeared boarder.

—Wilson, Dec. 17.—Saturday night Deputy Sheriff John R. Dildy went to Florence, S. C., and returned yesterday afternoon with W. H. Morris—who is wanted with his brother, Wiley Morris—for the theft of two horses last spring, the property of Mr. William Hawley, in Spring Hill township. W. H. Morris has been in the custody of the Florence police since last Thursday, awaiting requisition papers. His brother, Wiley Morris, was located in Columbia last week, but as yet has not been apprehended. Last Saturday night about nine o'clock Mrs. W. A. Finch was alarmed as she emerged from her bath room, to find a big burly negro sitting at the top of the stairs. There was no one in the house with her at the time but her little child. Seeing her husband's nephew, Mr. Lloyd Harper, across the street, she promptly gave the alarm that a negro was in the house. This gentleman promptly 'phoned police headquarters, when Chief Marshbourn and Mr. Alf Moye went to the rescue. On entering the house they found the negro—Will Pitt, who has just finisher a road sentence—sitting on the top flight of the steps in a drunken condition. They yanked him out and hustled him off to the guard house. When searched there was nothing found on his person but an empty half pint whiskey flask. Pitt claims that he was dead drunk, having drank the greater portion of three pints of whiskey through the day. He claims Louisiana as his home; says that he came to Wilson to work on railroad construction work.

A Dangerous Deadlock,

that sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 25c.

NOTICE.

Our store will be kept open evenings 'till Christmas.

PLATT & HAAR.

As a Special Inducement To Evening Shoppers

We are going to conduct an After Supper Sale, when we will offer a new lot of Bargains for each night. We cannot mention them here. Call at The Little Store and see for yourselves.

SUGGESTIONS

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, FURS, HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, HOSIERY, TRUNKS.
NECK-WEAR, FANCY PILLOWS, DOLLS, PICTURES, STATIONERY, SUIT CASES,
UMBRELLAS, BOOKS, TOYS, GAMES, RUGS, SUITS, SKIRTS, LACE CURTAINS.

STORE WILL BE CLOSED 7 to 8 P. M.

to arrange for After Supper Sale, which starts at 8 P. M. each evening.

Save Wilmington GOLD BOND Trading Stamps

Ask The Ladies | **Platt & Haar** | Who is Up-to-Date?

Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK
Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages		10,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks		110,136 21
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid		7.50
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correst Attest,
M. W. DIVINE,
J. A. SPRINGER,
H. C. McQUEEN,
Directors.

dec 6-tf.

LOW EXCURSION RATES via ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Account Christmas Holidays. Round trip tickets on sale December 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1st.

Final return limit Janaury 6th. For further information Phone 160.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
Wilmington, N. C.

dec 10 to jan 1.

CLARK'S CRUISE of the "ARABIC."
16,000 tons, fine, large, unusually steady.

TO THE ORIENT

February 6 to April 17, 1908.
Seventy days, costing only $400.00 and up, including shore excursions. SPECIAL FEATURES: Madeira, Cadiz, Seville, Algiers, Malta, 19 Days in Egypt and the Holy Land. Constantinople, Athens, Rome, the Riviera, etc. TOURS ROUND THE WORLD.
40 TOURS TO EUROPE
most comprehensive and attractive ever offered.
F. C. CLARK, Times Bldg, New York.

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STATEMENT

of THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY December 3rd, 1907.

(Condensed from Report to North Carolina Corporation Commission).

ASSETS.

Loans and Discounts		$1,179,520 30
First Mortgage Bonds		2,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		1 00
Real Estate		55,000 00
Cash in our vault	$103,218 53	
Cash in other banks	144,102 52	247,321 05
		$1,483,842 35

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 25,000 00
Undivided Profits, less taxes and expenses		142,743 95
Deposits		1,316,098 40
		$1,483,842 35

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover.

I, C. E. Taylor, Jr., Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. E. TAYLOR, JR. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of December, A. D., 1907.

CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:
J. V. GRAINGER,
J. W. YATES,
N. B. RANKIN,
Directors.

dec 8 tf

For Xmas Trade...

1 Car Load Raisins,
Peaches,
Prunes.

California Extra Standard, Stander, Lemon Cling and Yellow Free.

Canned Peaches—nothing better obtainable. Come around and see us.

F. E. HASHAGEN CO.
WHOLESALE GROCERS.

dec 15 tf

SEABOARD
Air Line Railway.
The Exposition Line to Norfolk.

Direct and shortest line to the principal Cities, South and Southwest also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

Trains Arrive at Wilmington as Follows

No 44 at 1:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local Stations, connecting at Hamlet with No. 41 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

No. 40 arrives 2:35 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 66 from Jacksonville, No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh and No. 81 from New York and Richmond.

Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:00 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n	6:35 A. M.	6:56 P. M.
Ar Maxton	7:25 A. M.	7:55 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:25 A. M.	8:50 P. M
Lv. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	9:15 P. M
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	11:15 P. M
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:45 A. M.	12:15 A. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points north, and No. 38 for Raleigh and Portsmouth-Norfolk. At Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta, at Charlotte for Western Carolina Points.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth-Norfolk and No. 42 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS, Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER, Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent. Raleigh, N. C.

Hugh MacRae & Co.
SOUTHERN SECURITIES
Cotton Mill Stocks a Specialty
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STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$ 669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		50,000 00
Bonds, securties, etc		149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures		20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers		70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents		48,125 63
Checks and other cash items		907 46
Notes of other National Banks		15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$84,740 75	
Legal tender notes	61,860 00	146,600 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		7,064 47
Total		$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Captital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other national Banks	66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	107,089 94
Dividends unpaid	873 00
Individual deposits subject to check	721,600 30
Certified checks	40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	11,225 25
United States deposits	50,000 00
Total	$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

Correct Attest:
D. McEACHERN,
WM. E. WORTH,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.

dec 5 tf

GOOD SHOOTING

Depends on the Gun. If you have a good gun, you will find no fault with your shooting.

Lefever Guns are Good.

We have them in prices from $25.00 to $45.00.

Ithica Guns
from $18.00 to $45.00
They are good too.

Winchester and U. M. C.
Ammunition.

J.W. Murchison & Co

SMOKE CUBAN BLOSSOM CIGARS!

WHY?

BECAUSE IT IS THE BEST CIGAR FOR THE MONEY.

H. L. VOLLERS.
WHOLESALE GROCER.

XMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces low Xmas and New Year Holiday rates of one and one-third first class fares plus 25 cents based on rates effective prior to July 1st 1907. Tickets to be sold December 20th to 25th inclusive and December 30th, 31st and January 1st with final return limit January 6th.

For rates and time tables apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

dec 12 to jan 1

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington	9.40 am	7.00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	3:55 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:42 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:38 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	6:35 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	10:05 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am	11:20 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am	1:41 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	4:15 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv. New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am	12:15 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm	1:59 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6.15 am	3.12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9.35 am	6.10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	am
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sav'n	6:55 pm	2:45 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:30 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 48 and 49 carry Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.

Trains No. 55 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.

TO THE BEACH
Suburban Schedule

(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.)
Daily Except Sunday.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A M	6:25 A M	
7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P.M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M	10:15 P M
	11:25 P M	

Freight Schedule

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).

Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.

Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
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	11:25 P M	

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 42 3-4 cents.

ROSIN—Market, nothing doing.

TAR—Market, steady $1.40.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 66 1-2; rosin firm steady $3.70; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35, $4.50; $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	2
Rosin	84
Tar	248
Crude Turpentine	57

Receipts same day last year, 14 casks spirits turpentine; 38 barels rosin; 145 barrels tar; 62 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 11 1-8 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Firm at 10 3-8 cents for middling.

Receipts—2,657 bales, same day last year 766 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 80c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—The cotton market was nervous and unsettled today, closing steady net unchanged to 9 points lower. Sales were estimated at 300,000 bales. The market opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 4 points and during the early session increased its loss to a matter of 7 to 9 points on active months under liquidation, Wall street selling, selling by spot houses of March and May and local bear pressure. The decline was promoted by the willingness of Liverpool to meet the local depression of the previous day, reports of renewed labor troubles in Lancashire, talk of an easier spot basis in the western belt and the larger receipts. Later, however, wires were received claiming that spot offerings in the south were being withdrawn and during the middle session the market rallied quite sharply on covering by early sellers with prices at one time showing a net advance of 3 to 4 points or a gain of 10 to 12 points from the low figures of the morning. But there was little sign of important support on the advance, and after the short interests had been reduced the market weakened again on bearish advices from the market for cotton goods and the lowest level of the day was reached in the late trading when January sold at 10.55 and March at 10.75. The close was a point or two up from the bottom. The next report of the Census Bureau, giving the amount of cotton ginned to December 13th is expected at the opening on Friday morning. Southern spot markets were unchanged to 1-4c lower.

Receipts at the ports today 102,536 bales against 77,315 last week and 67,358 last year. Of the week 360,000 bales against 369.093 last week and 353,701 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 30,553 bales against 19,383 last year and at Houston 24,898 bales against 32,786 last year.

Spot steady, middling uplands 11.90; middling gulf 12.15; sales 2,500 bales.

Futures opened and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	11.29	11.27
January	10.66	10.57
February	10.75	10.67
March	10.87	10.77
April	——	10.79
May	10.86	10.81
June	10.86	10.83
July	10.84	10.78
August	10.65	10.60
October	10.20	——

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 11 1-8; Net receipts 35,827.

New Orleans—Quiet, 11 1-2; Net receipts 30,553.

Mobile—Steady, 11 1-8; Net receipts 7,884.

Savannah—Quiet, 11 1-8; Net receipts 12,698.

Charleston—Steady, 11; Net receipts 314.

Wilmington—Steady, 11 1-8; Net receipts 2,657.

Norfolk—Steady, 11 7-16; Net receipts 6,043.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 5-8.

New York—Steady, 11.90; Net receipts 500.

Boston—Steady, 11.90; Net receipts 60.

Philadelphia—Steady 12.15; Net receipts 154.

Pensacola—Net receipts 6,400.

Total today, at all ports, Net 102,536; Great Britain 6,513; France 144,425; Continent 1.095; Stock 995,022.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 214,640; Great Britain 8,302; France 14,425; Continent 66,311.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 4,279,379; Great Britain 1,332,611; France 388,865; Continent 135,116; Japan 46,127; Mexico 1,020.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Dull, 11 3-16; Net receipts 24,898.

Augusta—Quiet, 11 3-8; Net receipts 2,086.

Memphis—Steady, 11 5-8; Net receipts 5,569.

St. Louis—Quiet, 11 3-8; Net receipts 1,007.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 432.

Louisville—Firm, 11 3-4.

Little Rock—Firm, 11 3-16; Net receipts 2,230.

Total today—Net Receipts 36,222; Gross receipts 42,016; Shipments 41,025; Sales 1,107; Stock 286,053.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Cotton: Spot good business done, prices 12 points lower. American middling fair, 6.83; good middling, 6.47; middling, 6.21; low middling 5.89; good ordinary, 5.47; ordinary, 4.87. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 11,300 American. Receipts 67,000 bales, including 59,200 American.

Futures opened easier and closed steadier. American middling G. O. C.: December 5.80 1-2; December and January 5.80 1-2; January and February 5.82; February and March 5.82 1-2; March and April 5.82; April and May 5.83 1-2; May and June 5.84 1-2; June and July 5.84; July and August 5.81; August and September 5.71; September and October 5.60; October and November 5.49.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—The dry goods market shows some improvement in the matter of inquiries for drills, sheetings and denims. Buyers who have been bearing the market for some time are operating in small lots at present asking prices which are still close to the top on ticketed fabrics. The export market is quiet. Cotton yarns are in slightly better call. Linings are quite and easy.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—The scantiness of the money supply kept the stock market dull and contracted, but the tone of the market showed some relief from the uneasiness that has weighed upon it for several days past. Prices showed small resiliency, however, and the movement was dragging and hesitating. The whole market, remained largely in professional hands and was narrow. Money conditions were unchanged. The premium persisted on the currency call loan rates went higher than yesterday and discounts rose in both London and Berlin. Fears of a severe money stringency over the year end in meeting the necessities of that period affected these markets and New York's continued demand for gold aggravated the apprehension.

New points of weakness developed in the late market and the closing was irregular.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales par value $2,016,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales 514,700 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—Money on call firm; 6 to 16 per cent.; ruling rate 12, closing bid 6, offered at 6. Time loans firm, but dull; sixty days 10 to 12, and ninety days 8 to 10 per cent. Six months 7 to 8 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 8 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8610 to 4.86.15 for demand and at 4.8015 to 4.8020 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.80 to 4.8025. Bar silver 53 1-2. Mexican dollars 42.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	104 1-2
U. S. refunding 2s cou	105
U. S. 3s reg	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	119
U. S. new 4s cou	119
American Tobacco Co. 4s	60
American Tobacco Co. 6s	93 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	84
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	95 1-2
L. & N. Unified 4s	95
Seaboard Air Line 4s	63
Southern Railway 5s	96
U. S. Steel 5s	83 1-4

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	43
American Car Foundry	29
Amr. Car Foundry pfd	85@95
Amrican Cotton Oil Co	27
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	70@85
American Locomotive	34 1-4
American Smelting & Ref	68 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	89 1-2
American Sugar Refining	95 1-2
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	69 1-2
Atchison	69 3-4
Atchison pfd	85
Atlantic Coast Line	65 1-8
Baltimore & Ohio	80
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	74
Chesapeake & Ohio	29 1-4
Kansas City Southern	28
Kansas City Southern pfd	52
L. & N.	89 1-2
New York Central	93
Norfolk & Western	63 7-8
Norfolk & Western pfd	70@75
Pennsylvania	111 1-4
People's Gas	77 1-2
Reading	89 3-4
Reading 1st pfd	74 7-8
Reading 2nd pfd	71
Rock Island Co	14 1-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	27 3-4
Southern Pacific	71 5-8
Southern Pacific pfd	107 1-2
Southern Railway	12 5-8
Southern Railway pfd	35
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	25 3-8
U. S. Steel pfd	86 1-4
Va-Car. Chemical	15 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	85
Seaboard Air Line	——
Seaboard Air Line pfd	——
Standard Oil	430
Western Union	55 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—FLOUR—Firm and nominally higher.

RYE FLOUR—Steady.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet.

CORN MEAL—Steady.

WHEAT—Spot strong; No. 2 red 1.06 1-8 elevator, Options 2 to 2 3-8 net advance. December 1.06 1-2; May 1.12 1-2; July 1.06 5-8.

CORN—Spot firm; No. 2, 71 nominal. Options 1c net higher. December 71; May 67 7-8.

OATS—Spot firm; mixed 55.

LARD—Barely steady; western prime 8.30 to 8.40 nominal.

PORK—Barely steady; mess 14.50 to 15.25.

TALLOW—Dull.

RICE—Quiet.

MOLASSES—Steady.

SUGAR—Raw firm; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.80; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05. Refined firm.

COFFEE—Spot steady Rio No. 7, 6 1-8; Santos No. 4, 8. Mild coffee quiet; Cordova 9 1-2 to 13 1-4. Futures not unchanged to 10 points lower.

BUTTER—Firm; imitation creamery firsts 20 to 21.

CHEESE—Steady, unchanged.

EGGS—Firm, unchanged.

COTTON SEED OIL was firm and higher on buying by a large refining interest. Prime crude, 31; prime summer yellow, 39; off summer yellow, 38 to 38 1-4; good off summer yellow, 37 1-2 to 38; prime white, 44; prime winter yellow, 45.

FREIGHTS—Steady, unchanged.

PEANUTS—Steady, unchanged.

POTATOES—Steady, unchanged.

CABBAGES—Firm, unchanged.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wheat for May advanced more than three cents today, on buying by shorts which was based to a large extent on report of wet weather in Argentina. May wheat gained during the day 2 1-2. Corn was up 1 1-2. Oats were 1-2 to 5-8c higher. Provisions 2 1-2 to 7 1-2 to 10c lower.

Leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—December, 98 1-2; May, 1.05-1-4; July, 99 to 1-8.

Corn—December, 59 1-4; May, 59-1-8; July, 58 3-8.

Oats—May, old, 54 3-4; May, new, 53 1-4; July, old, 48 3-4; July, new, 46.

Mess pork, per barrel—January, 12.67 1-2; May, 13.12 1-2.

Lard, per 100 pounds—January, 7.75; May, 7.85.

Short ribs, per 100 pounds—January, 6.77 1-2; May, 7.05.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat 1.08 to 1.12; No. 3 99 to 1.10; No. 2 red 95 5-8 to 98 1-2; No. 2 corn 60 1-2 to 61; No. 2 yellow 65 to 65 1-2; No. 2 oats 50 to 1-8; No. 3 white 49 3-4 to 52 1-2; No. 2 rye 77; fair to choice malting 88 to 95; No. 2 northwestern 1.12 1-2; prime timothy seed 4.30 to 4.35; clover contract grades 16.25; short ribs, sides (loose) 6.75 to 7.25; mess pork, per barrel 12.12 1-2 to 12.15; lard, per 100 pounds 7.95; short clear sides (boxed) 7,12 1-2 to 7.15; whiskey, basis of high wines 1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—Rosin quiet, turpentine easy at 47 to 47 1-2.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 17.—Turpentine and rosin nothing doing.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 17.—Spirits turpentine firm 43 1-2; sales 659; receipts 970; shipments 644.

Rosin firm; sales 1,809; receipts 3,320; shipments 6,790; stocks 115,522. Quote: A. B. C. 3.15; D, 3.15; E, 3.10 to 3.15; F, 3.15 to 3.17 1-2; G, 3.15 to 3.20; H, 3.15 to 3.20; I, 3.80; K, 4.75; M, 5.25; N, 6.10; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.50.

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Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, S. P. McNair.

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Br. Str. Venetia, McMorran, Havre, France, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

St. Carib, Rich, Georgetown, H. G. Smallbones.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, S. P. McNair.

EXPORTS—FOREIGN.

Havre, France—Br. Str. Venetia, 12,000 bales cotton, valued at $725,000 cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 17, 1907.

C. C. Railroad—387 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—556 bales cotton; 1 barrel tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,497 bales cotton; 15 barrels rosin; 28 barrels tar; 7 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—153 bales cotton; 44 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—4 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Alice—4 bales cotton; 49 barrels rosin; 4 barrels tar; 46 barrels crude turpentine.

St. City of Fayetteville—60 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 20 barrels rosin; 171 barrels tar.

Total—2,657 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 84 barrels rosin; 248 barrels tar; 57 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Byglands, (Nor.) 1,640 tons, Olsen, C. D. Maffitt.

Lord Derby, (Br.), 2,401 tons, Henrickson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Hellmere (Br.) 2,299 tons, Lakes, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Rubens (Br.) 2,322 tons, French, Aelxander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

John W. Hall, 329 tons, Bennett, C. D. Maffitt.

E. Marie Brown, 378 tons, Brown, C. D. Maffitt.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.

Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.

John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 17.—George Brooks, a colored man on returning from his work Saturday evening, went into his house and found his sixteen-year-old daughter, whom he had left in charge of the house, burned to death. It is supposed that the girl, who was subject to spasms, was sitting by the fire, when a spasm came on her and she fell into the fire burning her body, from her waist up, almost beyond recognition. Her nose was burned completely off.

UNHAPPINESS DISPELLED.

Men and Women Unanimous About It.

Many women weep and wail and refuse to be comforted because their once magnificent tresses have become thin and faded. Many men incline to profanity because the flies bite through the thin thatch on their craniums. It will be good news to the miserable of both sexes, to learn that Newbro's Herpicide has been placed upon the market. This is the new scalp germicide and antiseptic that acts by destroying the germ or microbe that is the underlying cause of all hair destruction. Herpicide is a new preparation, made after a new formula on an entirely new principle. Anyone who has tried it will testify as to its worth. Try it yourself and be convinced. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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FEDERATION IS RESTRAINED

Justice Gould of Equity Court of District of Columbia Issues Important Decree.

BOYCOTTING NOT ALLOWED

Injunction, However, is Only a Temporary One And The Matter Will Probably Reach the Supreme Court.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Of far-reaching importance to labor and business interests throughout the country was a decision announced today by Justice Gould of the Equity Court of the District of Columbia enjoining the American Federation of Labor, with its membership of 2,000,000 or more, from boycotting the "Buck Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, and printing in its official organ the company's name as "unfair" and in the "we don't patronize" lists, and the decision arraigns the action of the Federation as an illegal conspiracy.

Tomorrow there will be an argument before Judge Gould over a proposition of the counsel for the Federation with the Court's order putting the injunction decision into effect, limiting, in express terms its application to the District of Columbia. Counsel for the plaintiff company will oppose this.

The injunction granted today, while of a temporary character, was allowed in a decision in which Judge Gould exhaustively reviewed the case. He made copious citations of authorities, quoted precedents as to boycott definitions and said there was no room for argument as to the consipracy alleged, being established. The question of a permanent injunction will come up probably next spring and whichever side wins in the final settlement, the case it is believed will be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Gould pointed out from the bench today that he had not in his decision taken up the question of inhibition of the boycott under the Sherman Anti-trust or the Interstate Commerce act.

Attorney J. H. Ralston of counsel for the Federation said tonight he had no opinion to express regarding the decision; that the injunction was a temporary one, and that in so far as the question of the Sherman law or the Inter-State Commerce law, which question had been raised in the proceedings, was concerned, he regarded the decision as affecting that phase of the case, a victory for the defense. Former Assistant Attorney General Beck for the prosecution, regarded the decision as a sweeping victory for the opponents of the boycott.

Judge Gould also handed down two opinions granting permanent injunctions in the case of Bender against the Bakers and Confectioners Union and Lawton against the International Carriage and Wagon Workers, two local cases which the court decided along the same lines as the Buck Stove case.

A bill in equity was filed by the Buck Stove and Range Company last August for a permanent injunction restraining the Federation from boycotting the company and putting it in the "unfair" list, and later a supplemental bill was filed charging that notwithstanding the pending proceedings the Federation was still actively engaged in pressing the boycott and a temporary injunction, passed upon today, was asked for.

The American Federation of Labor was not only named as defendant in this case, but also President Gompers and Secretary Morrison of the Federation, individually as well as nine others of the Executive Council of the Federation, individually, and also the Electrotype Molders and Finishers Union, No. 17, together with certain individuals comprising its officers and executive board. The Buck company, which runs an "open" shop, alleged that the labor organizations placed its name on the "unfair" and "we don't patronize" lists in the labor publications and that the boycott also was carried on through thousands of circular letters to the company's customers and the public generally, and by threatening the company's customers with loss of labor patronage and business. Mr. Gompers contended that the "unfair" list had been in use almost from the Federation's organization; that it imputed simply inequitable or discriminative treatment against organized labor.

President Van Cleave of the Stove Company, it was charged, discharged as an employee, the President of a St. Louis local union and threatened to discharge all other members of the union committee of employees that sought to deal with him.

Mr. Gompers declined to make any comment on the action of the Court in granting the injunction. He said he would want time to consider the matter and to confer with some of his associates before deciding upon what further action may be taken by the Federation. "This is an old case brought several months ago," said Mr. Gompers, "and before I have anything to say on the decision I should like to know just exactly what we are enjoined from doing. I don't know what further action we may take and I shall want time to confer with some of my associates and to investigate in person, before I have anything further to say."

Secretary Cortelyou is confined to his bed with a severe attack of grip. Under the advice of his physician he will remain at home for at least a week.

CORTELYOU DENIES IT

Secretary of The Treasury Says That He Is a Candidate Only For The Confidence of The People.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Cortelyou in a signed statement given out tonight, pronounces as unqualifiedly false the current rumors of undue political activity of his friends in forwarding a movement in his interest.

The Secretary declares that neither he nor his friends have used their influence in behalf of any candidate for the Presidency, and that he has not been a candidate for anything but the confidence of the people.

He adds that if he should hereafter decide to be a candidate for any office he will say so frankly. The statement follows:

December 17, 1907.

"I do not know that I am called upon to make a statement at this time, but in view of the various rumors in circulation as to the alleged political activity of friends of mine in my interest I will say that I have not been a candidate for anything but the confidence of the people in the discharge of my duties as Secretary of the Treasury. I have not in person sought nor have the friends whose names have been mentioned in this connection sought to influence political movements in my interest; I have not, nor have they used any influence, directly or indirectly to secure political support for or against any candidate for the Presidency, and accusations that such has been done are unqualifiedly false. In no office, in no one of the three departments with which I have been connected, have I authorized or permitted officials or employees to attempt to influence any such movements, nor shall I do so. In common with many other citizens, I have decided views as to policies and as to candidates, but I shall refrain from expressing them until I believe it is proper for me to do so. Upon this statement I am entirely content to leave the people to draw their own conclusions, regarding such rumors as those to which I have referred. If in the future, I shall decide to be a candidate for any office, I shall say so frankly and state the grounds upon which I ask for support. In the meantime I shall try, as I have tried in the past, to conduct the Treasury Department for the benefit of the people of the whole country and absolutely without regard to whether any action I may take in the line of my duty may adversely affect my personal or political welfare.

"(Signed) George B. Cortelyou."

TRIAL OF CALEB POWERS.

Defendant Is on the Witness Stand for Eight Hours.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 17.—In the trial of Caleb Powers for complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, Powers today concluded his direct examination. In all he was nearly eight hours on the stand. Witness denied in detail practically all the damaging statements and conversations made against him in the testimoney of Noakes, Golden and Youtsey.

States Attorney Franklin in cross examination took Powers over the period prior to Goebel's assassination and the bringing of mountain men to Frankfort. Mr. Franklin sought to show that the ultimate object of the "mountain army" was violence, intimidation of the Legislature, and designs on the life of Goebel. Powers adhered to his original statement that these mountaineers were brought to Frankfort for moral effect. He said, however, that if an attempt had been made to eject Republican State officials the mountaineers were expected to resist until an appeal could be made to the courts.

BACK IN WASHINGTON

President Roosevelt and Party Return From Old Point.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—With an enthusiastic wave of his high hat and a hearty good bye as he was piped over the side of the cruiser yacht, Mayflower, President Roosevelt ended his trip of farewell to the Pacific bound battleship fleet shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

The Mayflower came along side the Washington navy yard dock at 8:20 o'clock. The White House carriage was in waiting as were the conveyances of the Secretary of the Navy and other officials who were the guests of the President on the trip.

The President did not wait for the debarkation of the rest of the official party, but started at once for the White House where he arrived at 8:45 o'clock.

Just before leaving the deck of the Mayflower a wireless message was placed in the hands of the President, presumably a last word from the fleet.

The trip from Hampton Roads which was made during the night was without incident.

THROAT CUT FROM EAR TO EAR

Henry Ferguson is Charged With Killing William Romines.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Hartselle, Ala., Dec. 17.—New has just reached here of the killing of William Romines by Henry Ferguson at Somerville yesterday.

It is said Ferguson had been paying attention to a young lady in the neighborhood and Romines told her parents that Ferguson had a wife and children in South Alabama.

When Ferguson heard of this he went to Romines house, called him out and cut his throat from ear to ear.

An attempt was made to hold up the westbound Northern Pacific train eleven miles east of Spokane, Wash., yesterday. Three men attempted to flag the train but the engineer refused to stop.

CONGRESS IS DOING LITTLE

Need of Improvement of Inland Waterways Was Principle Subject Considered.

HOUSE WAS NOT IN SESSION

Senator Culberson's Resolution Asking for Information as to the Financial Stringency Is Still Tabled.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Aside from the appointment of committees which took place at the beginning of today's session of the Senate, the need of improvement of the inland waterways of the United States was the chief subject before that body today.

Senator Newlands of Nevada spoke for two hours on his bill providing for the appointment of an Inland Waterway Commission and for the improvement of the inland waterways of the country. The House was not in session.

The Senate adopted the resolution of Senator Dick of Ohio, extending the time allowed the militia of the several states, territories and the District of Columbia to conform to the provisions of the act of June 21, 1903, which was necessary in order that the militia of several States might take advantage of appropriations that have been made.

The resolution of Senator Culberson of Texas, directing the Committee on Finance to investigate the causes of the present financial stringency and to recommend immediate means for its relief was allowed to lie on the table, and it will be the subject of remarks by Mr. Culberson at some future time.

The subject of Prohibition was raised by Senator Tillman, who introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to consider and report whether it is practicable for the National Government to discontinue the issuance of permits to retail liquor dealers, in States, Counties or Municipalities where local option prevails, prohibiting the sale of liquors."

Senator Allison suggested that the government merely collects a tax on liquor and does not control its sale. Mr. Tillman replied that the government, in collecting the tax, permits the sale of liquor and issues a permit for that purpose. The resolution was adopted.

Senator Latimer introduced a bill to extend the provisions of the national reclamation act to the drainage of swamp and overflowed lands.

Chairman Tawney of the House Committee on Appropriations which was appointed yesterday by Speaker Cannon effected its organization today by the appointment of sub-committees as follows:

Sundry Civic—Tawney, Smith, Brownlow, Fitzgerald and Sherley.

Legislative—Bingham, Gillett, Livingston, Brick and Burleston.

District of Columbia—Gardiner, Madden, Vreeland, Burleson and Bowers.

Pension—Keifer, Gardner, Brownlow, Bowers and Livingston.

Fortifications—Smith, Graff, Gillett, Sherley and Fitzgerald.

Deficiencies — Tawney, Vreeland, Keifer, Brundage, Jr., and Livingston.

Permanent Appropriations —Brick, Graff, Madden, Brundidge, Jr., and Burleston.

At the close of the committees' first meeting today Chairman Tawney dictated the following statement:

"The Committee on Appropriations and Congress are confronted with a situation which will require a very material revision of the estimates submitted for public expenditures for the next fiscal year, ending June 30, 1909, in order to keep the appropriations within the possible and estimated revenues of the government.

"The estimates submitted at the beginning of the last session of Congress, for the new current year totalled $895,960,643. The estimates for the next fiscal year, submitted at the beginning of this session in the book of estimates totalled $996,949,288 or an increase in the estimated expenditures for the next fiscal year over the current year of $100,978,646. The estimated total revenue for the next fiscal year is $878,123,011, while the actual revenue, including postal revenue, received during the last fiscal year, which total revenue was larger than that of any pervious year in the history of the government—was only $846,725,339.

"It will be seen therefore that on the basis of the estimated expenditures as estimated exceed the prospective revenue by $118,826,277. This does not include estimates for the regular deficiency and miscellaneous appropriations, which for the current year amount to $13,147,899. Nor does it include any new authorizations for spontaneous expenditures. From this excess, a total of $118,826,277, however, should be deducted $25,000,000 which is included in the estimated expenditures for the redemption of national bank notes. This expenditure is not made out of the current revenues, but out of the statutory fund obtained from national banks, which fund is not carried as part of the government's revenues.

"Deducting the $25,000,000 still leaves a deficiency of $83,000,000 between the estimated expenditures and the estimated revenues and shows the necessity for a practical revision of the estimates submitted by the several sub-committees having jurisdiction of the appropriations for the next fiscal year, in order to keep the expenditures for that year within possible revenues and thus to avoid a deficiency.

Four general bills, the legislative, the District of Columbia, the Pensions and the Fortifications, were placed in the hands of sub-committees today and will be worked on by them during the holiday recess.

Senator Newlands of Nevada today addressed the Senate on his bill for the appointment of a permanent inland waterway commission. He stated that the agitation in relation to deep waterways from St. Louis to the gulf and from the lakes to the gulf had reached such proportions as to bring about a movement for the improvement of all the navigable streams of the country and a demand upon the part of every section that a broad and comprehensive plan should be inaugurated which would embrace, fairly and proportionately, every part of the country. The President, in response to the general demand, had appointed an inland waterway commission for the purpose of looking into the matter and making a report and recommendation, which, if acceptable to him, he would present to Congress for its action. The commission had been at work for some months; had through the action of either all or a part of its members taken up the study of the problems of every section of the country and was now engaged in preparing their report to the President.

Senator Newlands declared that he expects the government to expend at least $50,000,000 annually during the next five years on the inland waterways and was interrupted by Senator Beveridge, who said: "The Senator does not mean that, I hope."

Senator Newlands: "Yes; that is my individual view."

SCARLET FEVER AT MONONGAH

Trying Hard to Prevent the Disease From Spreading.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Fairmont, W., Va., Dec. 17.—Scarlet fever has broken out at Monongah, the scene of the great mine disaster on December 6.

Every precaution to prevent a spread of the disease is being taken.

The search for bodies has been completely suspended and it is doubtful whether the exact number of men who met death in the mines will ever be known.

State Mine Inspector Paul of West Virginia, found mine No. 8 in too bad shape to permit further search for bodies. In the mine rooms falls of earth for 200 feet have been encountered and in all likelihood this debris will never be removed as the rooms are practically exhausted of coal. There comes no doubt that miners are still buried under the falls. The total number of bodies recovered to date is 336.

Contributions for the relief fund continue to be received in small amounts.

RICHMOND HAS BIG FIRE

Alhambria Hotel Is Burned and Theatre Is Threatened.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17.—One of the most dangerous fires that this city has known in years occurred this afternoon when the Alhambria Hotel caught fire and the flames threatened the academy of music, the principal theatre of Richmond.

The private fire aparatus of the theatre saved the building and perhaps saved the whole block. The hotel was gutted and practically all the personal property of the guests was destroyed.

The loss is estimated at $75,000 partly covered by the insurance of $6,000. An interesting fact is that the policy of insurance had just been signed and the ink was not dry on it when the fire broke out.

ABE HUMMEL STILL LIVES

Notorious New York Lawyer is Dangerously Ill, However.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 17.—Abraham Hummel, the former New York lawyer, serving a year's sentence at the Blackwell's Island penitentiary, who has been dangerously ill for some time was reported to be resting more easily today. Dr. Philip T. Matz, resident physician at the penitentiary, said today that it was impossible to tell now whether Mr. Hummel would recover.

Hummel was for years one of the most notable divorce and criminal lawyers in New York. He was sentenced to the penitentiary and disbarred as a result of the investigation of the "Dodge-Morse divorce conspiracy."

MORE MEN ARE WORKING

But The Strike Situation at Goldfield is Practically Unchanged.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 17.—More men were reported at work in the mines and at the mill of the Consolidated Company than on any day since the re-opening of the mine.

The mine reduction works started up today with eight men. Fifteen strike breakers are expected to arrive from Arizona. The Roosevelt committee is considering the statement of the mine owners association.

General Funston and Governor Sparks will leave tomorrow morning.

Returns from Smith county with two precincts to hear from gives Slemp, Republican, for Congress in the Ninth Virginia district, 366 majority over Bailey, Independent Republican.

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